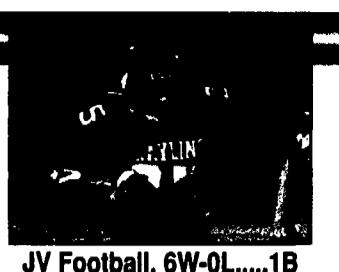




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Plutonium shipment to pass through

► Radioactive material will head through county on way to Canada

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A shipment of reactor fuel rods containing weapon's-grade plutonium destined for Ontario, Canada is scheduled to travel north on I-75, through the heart of Crawford County, sometime late this month on its journey through Michigan. The shipment will also cross bridges spanning three of the five Great Lakes.

Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) and other members of Congress from Michigan requested the Department of Energy accept public comment on the matter before the nuclear material makes its way through the state.

Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson has agreed to accept public comment until October 24 and is working with the Michigan congressmen to compile a list of citizens, organizations and public officials to be notified of the shipment.

"This public comment period is an important first step in getting information about the scheduled shipment of radioactive material to the concerned public," Stupak said, "but I will continue to work with the department to schedule public meetings in my district."

Stupak has been fighting for public hearings on the shipment since learning about it and, according to a letter he received from Richardson, the Energy Secretary appeared willing to entertain the idea of holding public meetings within the state.

Richardson indicated to Stupak his department's willingness to meet with Michigan's various emergency response and transportation personnel to discuss any safety concerns they may have regarding routing of the shipment.

"Well, at least it won't be going through the 'Frederic Triangle.' Especially southbound I-75," said Larry Akers, Crawford County's Emergency Management Director, referring to the stretch of I-75 where he said "many unexplained accidents have occurred," including at least two major multiple-car accidents... the last of which occurred December 31, 1998.

Akers said he hasn't heard directly from the Department of Energy or Stupak's office, but is aware that a shipment of plutonium is scheduled to travel through the area.

"I know as much as you do about it... what we've seen on the news," Akers said. The date of the ship-

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Treasurer to serve as 'acting' Manager

► City Council continues process of selecting next City Manager

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling's treasurer will act as the interim City Manager until the council appoints a replacement for Jerry Morford, who retired from the Grayling City Manager position last week.

The City Council voted unanimously last week to appoint City Treasurer Terry McGregor "acting City Manager" until the process of selecting the next manager is completed.

On September 13 the council extended the application deadline for the position to Friday, October 29. As of the most recent City Council meeting, seven applications had been received.

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Redskins celebrate Homecoming



HOMECOMING -- The Varsity Grayling Redskins (8th graders) burst through a special banner held by the Redskins cheerleading squad just before the Homecoming game on Sunday, October 3, against the Gladwin Giants. The game also featured "Parents Night" activities, as the parents of all the players and cheerleaders joined their sons and daughters on the field for a bit of recognition. Three of the four Grayling Redskin football teams celebrated Homecoming on October 3, including Varsity and the two Freshmen teams, which are made up of local fifth and sixth graders. For more on the Redskins, please see Page 4B.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Governor's rep meets with Road Commission

► Road Board, Managing Director discuss Act 51 and funding issues

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Michelle McManus, a representative from Governor John Engler's office, met with the Road Commission Board on Thursday, September 30, to discuss road issues with regard to possible legislation in Lansing.

McManus is compiling list of priorities and concerns directly from northern Michigan road commissions in order to make a report to the governor, she said.

At her request, the Road Commission board members and Managing Director Don Babcock discussed a few of the county's road issues, and looked at some aspects of Act 51.

(Act 51 is the distribution formula for the Michigan Transportation Fund [MTF]. Currently, 39.1 percent of the MTF pot goes to the state highway department, 39.1 percent goes to counties, and 21.8 percent to cities and villages. Act 51 is now up for re-evaluation, and a Study

Committee has been formed to gather information and make recommendations in Lansing.)

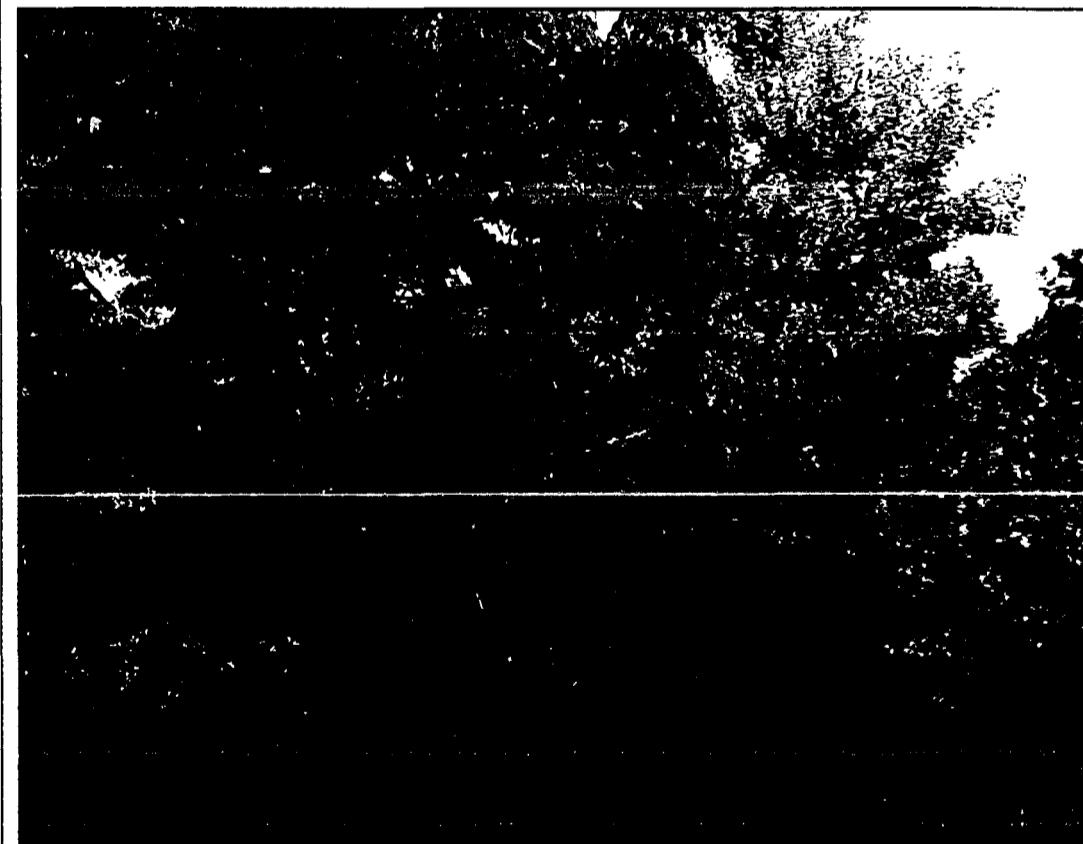
At the top of the discussion list for Crawford County was property tax issues. According to the board members, the governor would like to put more MTF money into the state system and have the local units make up the money with gas tax and property tax funds.

The road commissioners said they would not be in favor of legislation that forces local road money to come out of area property taxes, since Crawford County is made up primarily of state, federal and military land, with very little of the county being owned by the private sector. The low tax base would not adequately support road operations in the county, they said.

The county wouldn't take in any money from the military or military-controlled land, they said, since it collects no property taxes on that land, the military does not purchase

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Fall colors are here



Trees all over the county are showing their fall colors, as area forests display all sorts of brilliant reds, oranges and yellows, as well as many shades in between. This particular scene is located on Old 27 just north of Grayling High School.

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gasoline in the community (thus no gas tax money), and the military does not contribute money to local road projects.

McManus noted the property tax issue as a top priority, and asked the Road Commission members if they felt the Act 51 funding formula in general is satisfactory.

"(The Act 51) formula is decent," said Babcock. "There's just not enough money in there."

Project funding is always a problem, they said, and county road commissions have to compete with MDOT for money out of the same pool.

Though the four percent gas tax helped, there still isn't enough money for the amount of projects that need to be done, they said.

"We have to find as much outside money as we can to supplement what we have," said Babcock. "There's too much work out there

that needs to be done with just our normal funds."

The road commissioners and Babcock named a couple specific

"When it finally looks like there's going to be an increase, something is taken out or diverted. Keep the money that's supposed to be in the formula in there."

-Road Commission Managing Director
Don Babcock, regarding Act 51

examples of potential road funds being diverted: (1) weight violation fines and (2) state transportation funds being used to fund the

Secretary of State and Attorney General's offices.

The Road Commission doesn't receive any money from weight violation fines, even though the commission hires the person who patrols the county and issues the citations, said Road Board Chairman Ray Swiercz.

"That's a topic that's been around for a long time," said Babcock, "but no one's wanted to do anything about it. I'd like to see the money go to road improvement, or at least something other than the library fund -- even a portion of it."

(McManus said the current method of distributing fines from weight violations is one road issue currently being looked at in Lansing.)

Another specific instance the road

commissioners mentioned in which potential road maintenance monies (about \$10 million) are being diverted was with regard to the Secretary of State and Attorney General's offices, both of which are currently funded through MTF. The money to fund the offices is taken out of the Act 51/MTF formula before distribution.

"When it finally looks like there's going to be an increase, something is taken out or diverted," said Babcock. "Keep the money that's supposed to be in the formula in there."

After completing her 30 county sweep of northern Michigan, McManus will report the results to Governor Engler, she said.

Action on Act 51 is expected to take place this fall.

Plutonium shipment to pass through

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ment, as well as its estimated time of passage through the county, remains a mystery.

"When and if we are notified of the shipment date, we will follow emergency preparedness basic procedures," said Akers, "using the Crawford County Emergency Operations Plan."

The plan is public information and Akers said anyone who would like to review its contents may do so.

He is hoping to give a copy of the plan to the Crawford County Library as other county Emergency Management agencies have done. "They have requested a copy of the plan, but I think it could be a valuable addition to the library and convenient to the public."

Ed Holtcamp, Beaver Creek

Township Fire Chief and head of the Hazardous Materials Team in Crawford County said the Energy Department will probably only notify law enforcement of shipment information and will keep a low profile.

"I never like to see hazardous material have to be transported through populated areas," said Holtcamp. "The important thing is how it's handled. There is no such thing as no risk."

"There are substantially more precautions taken and more protection afforded during this type of shipment than among common carriers transporting hazardous material on a daily basis that the public is not made aware of," commented the fire chief.

"They (Energy Department) will obviously be escorted under their

own system," Holtcamp said. "We can't shut down the road. We have to take precautions instead of trying to stop the shipment. It's just one of those things that just has to happen and we just have to manage it."

One stretch of northbound I-75 that Holtcamp is wary of falls between exits 246 and 248. "Better than half the accidents -- mostly roll-overs -- happen on that particular stretch of I-75," he said. "It's good road. I don't know if people just get comfortable and fall asleep, or what."

Anyone interested in making a comment regarding the plutonium shipment may contact Stupak by phone at (202) 225-4735, by fax at (202) 225-4744, or by writing to:

Rep. Bart Stupak
2348 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

City selects CIA board members

► Council chooses nine people for first CIA board appointments

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council chose nine members for its Community Improvement Authority Board last week, continuing its progress on the newly-formed CIA.

On Monday, September 27, the council considered several names

before deciding on the nine final appointees, which are: Kathy Bourrie, Joe Wakeley, Steve Southard, Dave Sabin, John Cherven, Ann Stevenson, Mike Seales, Michelle Butzin and James Burich.

"Every one of them are good, and every one belongs there," said Mayor Ralph Stevens of the 14 people the council considered for the appointments.

Stevens said with this type of board he expects there to be some appointees who will not be able to stay with the board due to scheduling issues, and those not chosen initially will make a good "list of names for back-up" in case of any "outage."

The resolution creating the CIA was adopted by the council on August 30.

Treasurer to serve as Manager

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The City Manager is responsible for a wide range of administrative duties, including appointing department heads such as Chief of Police and City Attorney, and overseeing numerous aspects of city operations.

The manager must have a "college grade education or equivalent," according to the City Charter, and "at least four year's experience in such governmental work as would qualify him for the position of manager."

Anyone interested in applying for the position should send resumes to: Grayling City Hall, 103 S. James St., Grayling, MI, 49738, C/O Mayor Ralph Stevens.

For more information call the city office at (517) 348-2131.

Man and woman arrested for possession of stolen vehicle

A male and a female were arrested near M-72 on the I-75 Business Loop last week for possession of a stolen vehicle, according to the City of Grayling Police Department.

The arrest, which took place on

Monday, September 27, at about 2 p.m., involved officers from the City Police and Crawford County Sheriff's Department deputies.

The names of the two suspects are being withheld pending arraignment.

Correction

In the September 23 edition of *The Avalanche* in an article about Frederic Volunteer Fire Fighter Nicole Rice, the dates of her certifications should have read: EMT - 1997 and Fire Fighter - 1998. We regret the mix up and apologize for any confusion it may have caused.

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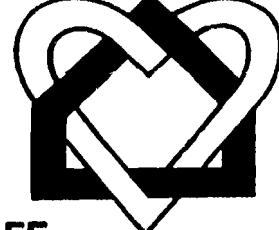
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Culprits sought in cemetery thefts

► 200 pound Madonna statue among missing memorial items

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

It is supposed to be a quiet, restful and sacred place, but the Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic Township has had some unwanted activity as of late.

Frederic resident Burrell Vollmer laid his dear wife, Gladys, to rest at Oakwood back in 1990 and is now heartbroken by the unfeeling actions of what he believes are at least two culprits.

"About eight months ago, a wishing well that I made and set next to my wife's grave was stolen," Vollmer said sadly. "Now, I find that a statue of the Madonna that I put there and an angel that my son bought is missing."

Vollmer, who has since replaced the wishing well with another, said he believes the thefts are the work

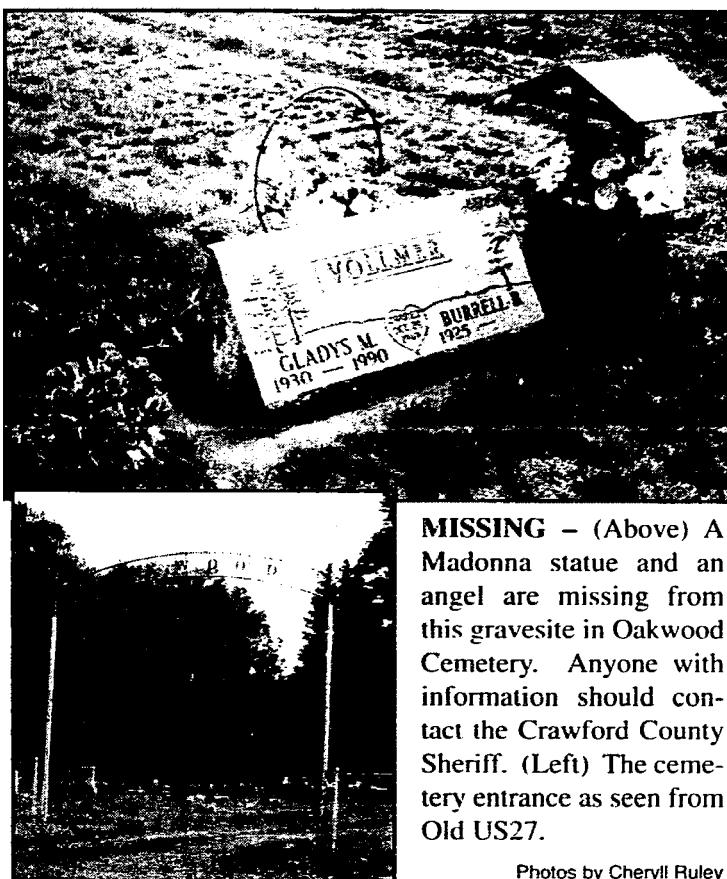
of at least two people because the Madonna weighed between 200 and 250 pounds. The last time he saw the Madonna was on September 18, and the angel (worth about \$40) was placed at the grave about six weeks ago.

The cemetery, though about half of a mile south of the town of Frederic, is not located in a secluded area.

The entrance is on Old US27, across from May Lake Road, and is easily visible from both roads that are travelled regularly. Frederic Township Trustee Mike Girard said Oakwood is visited often by loved ones of those resting there and had not been made aware until last week that items were being stolen from gravesites.

Vollmer said there are at least five families he knows of who are missing items placed lovingly near grave markers.

Anyone having any information about the thefts or witness anything of a suspicious nature at Oakwood Cemetery should call the Crawford County Sheriff's Department to leave a tip.



MISSING — (Above) A Madonna statue and an angel are missing from this gravesite in Oakwood Cemetery. Anyone with information should contact the Crawford County Sheriff. (Left) The cemetery entrance as seen from Old US27.

Photos by Cheryll Ruley

Couple given 10-day jail term in animal case

► District Court judge opts for jail time, public service and no fines

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Thomas and Margaret Drouillard were sentenced in 83rd District Court on September 28 to ten days in the Crawford County Jail for the abuse and neglect of 15 animals in their possession.

Earlier this month Margaret pled guilty, but her husband continued to insist the animals did not belong to him and belonged only to his wife.

In court on Tuesday, Mr. Drouillard's court-appointed attorney entered a plea of no contest on his client's behalf, explaining to the court Drouillard's inability to understand that because the animals were found on property he owned, he was therefore in possession, and charged accordingly.

Drouillard was to face a jury trial in January.

In addition to jail time, Thomas must perform 200 hours of community service and Judge John Hunter permanently revoked his pet ownership privileges, telling him he may never own, possess, or harbor animals again.

According to Animal Shelter Director Dixie Lobsinger who was

present at the sentencing, Judge Hunter told Thomas Drouillard that if even so much as a hamster is found at his home, he would be put in jail for violation of the court order.

Margaret was ordered to a two-year suspension of her pet ownership rights along with jail time.

All fines that could have been levied were dismissed by the judge because he considers the couple to be indigent and wards of the state.

Of the emaciated and foul-smelling dogs, cats, kittens and puppies removed from the Drouillard's Madsen Street home, six remain at the Animal Shelter waiting to be adopted.

A civil action has been filed

against the Drouillards to release Sam the Husky for adoption. He is the only pet Margaret Drouillard is fighting to keep. While Sam is at the shelter, the Drouillards are running up a boarding bill of \$6 per day.

Sam has been at the shelter since July 22.

"I never wanted to see these people put in jail or fined astronomically," Lobsinger said. "I just don't think they should ever be able to own pets again."

The thousands of dollars in fines waived by Judge Hunter will be made up by the thousands of dollars saved by the Drouillards' inability to own pets and create this problem again."

Cops nab two suspects in "country club B&Es

► Number of cans stolen from Fox Run still unknown

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

An investigation that began in the summer of 1998 and concluded late last month, led to the arrest of two Grayling men in connection with a long string of breaking and enterings at the Fox Run Country Club.

Shane Matthew Pielh, age 19, and Nicholas James Lovely, age 18, were apprehended in their Grayling

homes with the assistance of the Grayling Police Department, and were arraigned in 83rd District Court on September 23. The two were charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, a ten-year felony.

Detective Rich Meyer headed up the investigation after complaints were received regarding stolen empty beverage cans from Fox Run.

According to Fox Run employee Geri Koutnik, bags of empties were stolen from a storage area on a number of occasions despite measures taken to secure them.

"The bags were kept in a rear stor-

age area," said Koutnik. "When the first bags were discovered stolen, a lattice was built around the area. Then more were taken, so a fence was built... then a gate with a lock was installed and they cut through the lock."

"They had even crawled through a space no bigger than two feet wide to gain access to the cans."

Koutnik said each clear plastic bag measured about four feet tall when filled and held \$25 in empty cans. She said the pair, once caught, confessed to the thefts and said they redeemed some of the cans at the Gaylord Glen's Market where there

is an automatic can redemption machine.

"Over the course of this summer and last, it adds up to a lot of money," Crawford County Sheriff Dave Lovely said, though he said he is not sure the total worth of the stolen cans.

Pielh and Lovely are currently lodged in the Crawford County Jail on \$10,000 cash bonds. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for October 5.

Two boys face punishment for school bus fight

► Students may face suspensions and/or loss of bus privileges

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Two Grayling Middle School students got into a scuffle September 23 when an eighth grade boy tried to stop a seventh grade boy from picking on younger students aboard a Crawford AuSable School bus, sending one boy to the hospital.

Crawford County Deputy and Juvenile Officer Shawn Kraycs said the altercation began with verbal abuse, then physical fighting, and ended with the eighth grade student restraining the younger boy with his arm. According to Kraycs, an ambulance was called to the scene outside of the Grayling Elementary School as a precautionary measure and the boy was later found to be

uninjured but shaken.

When Kraycs interviewed the families on separate occasions, both indicated there have been problems between the two boys for some time. Because of this, Kraycs said he will recommend to the judge that the families attend conflict resolution to solve the boys' differences once and for all.

School Superintendent Kent Reynolds said the school board has the option to uphold the district's policy concerning misbehavior on a school bus and does not have to wait for law enforcement action in order to take their own.

"Courses of action differ between law enforcement and school policy," Reynolds said. "The district does not have to wait until a law enforcement investigation is over before we take action."

The district's disciplinary procedures regarding behavioral prob-

lems on school buses usually begins with a referral from the bus driver. Any minor incident, Reynolds said, can and should be handled by the driver by talking with the student and, if necessary, with the parents.

However, when the physical well-being of students is threatened or minor incidents persist, the problem is delegated to the Transportation Director and then to the school principal where the incident took place. The principal then investigates and reports to Reynolds. Law enforcement may be called for assistance anytime the bus driver believes the physical well-being of anyone on the bus is being threatened.

This particular incident remains under investigation by Grayling Elementary School principal Judy Bonne. Reynolds said the incident could affect the boys' school attendance through suspension and/or their bus riding privileges.

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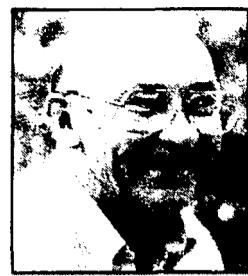
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Attorney general facing handcuffs

WITH A LIGHT heart but a heavy hand, Republican legislators have trotted out a pair of tight handcuffs to see if they will rein in Michigan's new attorney general, Democrat Jennifer Granholm.

Their proposals would limit severely the strength of the Michigan attorney general's office as it has developed in the last half century.

Ms. Granholm called the bills "outrageous" and "an unprecedented assault on the office of attorney general."

"If there's an assault going on," shot back Sen. Ken Sikkema, one sponsor, "it's that we elected a politician who's assuming she has power that neither the law nor the Constitution give her."

Well, why not? Ms. Granholm is only carrying on the way her predecessor, Frank Kelley, did.

One big difference is that Ms. Granholm is new on the job, and Mr. Kelley was there for 37 years, starting when the bills' spon-

sors probably were in grade school.

And when Mr. Kelley took office in 1962, he just kept doing what his Democratic predecessors had been doing since 1955.

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ONE MAIN thrust of the proposals is Attorney General Opinions, which for years have had the effect of law, unless and until tested and rejected by the courts.

The GOP bills want these opinions to be advisory only and not legally binding. That's a big difference.

The package also would limit how the attorney general can pursue more of his/her activities.

Talk about a fast track: The Republican package was introduced September 30, and hearings were set for the following week. House leaders predicted action before the holiday recess.

The executive office tried to indicate Gov. John Engler had nothing to do with

the move, but that idea didn't find many takers among Capitol political junkies.

They smell P-O-L-I-T-I-C-S in all this foofraw.

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THE SKEPTICS' scenario goes like this: Jennifer Granholm is the state's top Democratic office holder, and would make a great candidate for governor in 2002 -- by which time Mr. Engler will be gone, either by term limits or to Washington.

So the temptation is to clip her wings early, so she will not be as tough a candidate down the road.

Besides, several Republican legislators would like to be governor, too, and they see trimming the attorney general as a plus.

One danger to the trimmers and cutters is that Ms. Granholm could become a martyr for the common folks, who she -- and Mr. Kelley before her -- loves to defend against big rich entrenched interests.

It's a tricky game to play politics like

this but that's surely what it smells like.

* * *

MS. GRANHOLM sometimes sounds like she's already running for something.

She claims Michigan voters consider her office to be an independent voice.

"I campaigned on the slogan that I'd take the peoples' case," she said.

"The people elected an independent attorney general who is not an arm of the executive branch. I will not roll over."

However, the attorney general is indeed an arm of the executive branch. The state constitution says so.

In fact, the state constitution says very little else about the office of attorney general: He or she shall head one of the 20 departments of state government nominated by party and elected each four years follow the lieutenant governor and secretary of state in line of succession to governor.

Other than those and a few other odd

lines here and there, the constitution is silent on duties of the office.

Which means that everything else is "as provided by law," or in other words, as the legislature provides ... and what the legislature provides, it can change.

So how did all this other stuff get imbedded into the office?

By precedent of actions of previous attorneys general, and by acceptance of a widening role by courts, the public, and previous legislatures.

At its base, the current flap is a basic question of governmental structure and jurisdiction.

If it weren't for the politics, only governmental fundamentalists would give a hoot, one way or the other.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

Abraham votes against the minimum wage again

Spence Abraham voted late Tuesday (September 21) against a pro-minimum wage amendment which would have allowed the Senate to consider an increase in the minimum wage by one dollar.

Abraham voted against a similar amendment last year. With Abraham traveling around the state in a tour entitled "Working For Michigan," the Michigan Democratic Party asks who is Abraham working for?

"When Abraham had a choice between tax cuts for the wealthy or \$1 for working families, he gave thousands to the wealthy and not even a dollar to families," said Mark Brewer, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"Whether it's minimum wage, health care or Social Security, Abraham never helps middle class families. People do not know who Spence Abraham is, and because of votes like this, people that do know him don't like him. His anti-minimum wage votes show Abraham's true colors."

The following is Abraham's record on minimum wage:

* Abraham refused to add a mini-

mum wage to the Republican "Tax Breaks for the Wealthy" package - On July 30, 1999, Republicans voted down an effort to require a \$1 increase in the minimum wage as part of their tax package. Republicans refused to give a buck for workers while voting to give thousands in tax breaks to people with incomes of \$100,000 or more. (Senate vote 239, 7/30/99 - motion to consider the minimum wage rejected 46-54, Abraham voted no.)

* Abraham voted to kill a minimum wage increase last year - Abraham joined with the Republicans to kill an amendment to the Bankruptcy Bill which would have raised the minimum wage by one dollar over two years to \$6.15 an hour. (Senate vote 278, 9/22/98 - motion to table passed 55-44, Abraham voted aye.)

* In 1997, Abraham offered a bill to block Congress from simply passing a minimum wage - Abraham offered a bill in 1997 which would allow any member of the House or Senate the ability to block any bill by requiring a financial accounting of the bill. If the amount exceeded \$100 million annually, Abraham's

legislation would prevent the bill from becoming law unless Congress took a second vote. Experts said the minimum wage was the chief target of the Abraham legislation. (*National Journal*, 2/22/97, *Heritage Foundation Reports*, 2/6/97)

* Abraham consistently votes against the minimum wage - Since 1995, Abraham voted several times against the minimum wage and only voted for better wages when they were tied to tax cuts. Abraham even tried to block consideration of a minimum wage in the Budget Committee in 1995.

* Abraham has long opposed the minimum wage and claims it actually makes people poor - In a *Detroit News* editorial from 1985, Abraham said the minimum wage was an "old solution" that actually increased the cycle of poverty in America. Abraham also said in 1990 that he opposed minimum wages because they "hamper economic growth." (*Detroit Free Press*, 4/30/90).

Dennis Denno
The Michigan Democratic Party
Lansing

EDITOR

Voters should be offered a reasonable bond issue

To the editor:

The Kaiser Foundation, in conjunction with National Public Radio and the Kennedy School of Government, has conducted a national public opinion survey demonstrating overwhelming public support for bond issues funding public education.

The conclusions reached perhaps could help us in wrestling with the failure of recent school bond issue referendums in Crawford County. Also, a recent Michigan poll has put education, by far, the number one concern by the voters.

A large proportion of people surveyed said they would be willing to pay more taxes if schools provided more specialized programs for students. Overwhelmingly, people are not saying that schools or teachers or administrators are bad, but they

can be better. On the whole, this study found that politicians are out of touch with the electorate on this issue.

Better schools contribute to the community through a better labor force, civic values, and society as a whole benefits. The controlling issue with the voters comes down to who controls the money and where the money winds up. It's big government and the whole government thing people don't trust.

Are people telling the truth when they are surveyed and say they are willing to pay higher taxes, but then note "no" on the school bond issues? Voter attitudes have

Theodore P. Gomez

Frederic

changed in the past decade. \$33.5 billion have been approved and spent through school bond issues in the United States.

I would suggest to the Crawford County School Board, or any school board, that if they put a reasonable bond issue before the voters, it has a good chance of passing. As Senator Bill Bradley stated: "Our children are not just our future, they are the future of America." The complete public education school bond issue study can be seen at National Public Radio's web site on the Internet at <http://com.NPR.org>

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Health Educator

Question: I prepare tuna salad a lot ... almost every day. My husband says that it is high in fat the way I fix it and also high in sodium. Any suggestion you have on how to prepare a healthy tuna salad would help. Also, what about other canned fish? Is it just as nutritious as fresh fish?

Signed: Charlie Sent Me

Answer: First of all, canned fish provides the same health benefits as fresh fish. It is low in calories, full of high quality protein, B vitamins, potassium and in some varieties even calcium. Canned fish is also a

good source of omega-3 fatty acids. Unfortunately, the most popular of all the canned fishes, tuna, is relatively tasteless. This means many people serve it in the form of a salad. Depending on the ingredients added, healthy tuna can be chock full of unwanted fat grams and extra calories. The trick is to make a tuna salad that is as healthy as possible.

Here are some suggestions you might try:

- Reduce fat and calories. It doesn't matter nutritionally, if you pick white, light, solid or chunk tuna (although some white tuna comes from a fatty fish). What does matter

is the packing substance. Don't buy tuna packed in oil if you are trying to limit the fat in your diet. Even if you drain off almost all the oil, enough is left behind to increase the fat in your tuna salad by three to five times and the calories by 50%.

- Reduce sodium. Unfortunately, tuna and other canned fish are high in sodium. If you buy tuna packed in water, draining off the water will remove a large portion of the sodium. Oil packed tuna is more difficult to drain successfully. Once drained, rinse the tuna under running water using a strainer.

- Prevent heart disease. Omega-3 fatty acids may lower the risk of heart disease. To get the most omega-3 fatty acids switch occasionally from tuna to canned salmon, sardines or herring, which contain more of these beneficial substances than tuna. However, read labels on the cans since fat grams in these varieties can vary from only two up to twenty grams in a three-ounce serving.

- Increase calcium in your diet. To get the greatest calcium benefit, eat the small soft bones found in canned sardines and salmon. A three-ounce serving has a much calcium as a glass of milk.

- Prepare a healthier tuna salad. Reducing fat in your frequently

eaten tuna salad should be one of your goals. Try one or all of the following suggestions:

- Switch to low fat or fat free mayonnaise

- Make a salad with plain low fat yogurt and a little lemon juice
- Try mixing low fat mayonnaise and low fat sour cream substitute
- Increase vegetables in your salad. Add chopped celery, tomatoes, carrots, onions, peppers and pickles. Or, add apples, grapes and/or pasta.
- Toss tuna with these healthy additives and leave out the mayonnaise completely.

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BASKETBALL TEAM 1939

- Back row, from left: Bill Kraus ('40), Coach Willard Cornell (D), Bill Moshier ('39). Front row: Jack McClain ('39), Howard Smock (D) ('39); James V. Petersen ('39), Paul Lovely ('39). D denotes deceased. Coach Willard Cornell was a teacher, coach and principal in his career at GHS. The picture was submitted by Clara Sorenson.

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BRIEFS

Author of baseball stories to read

As part of the Controlled Burn Reading Series, poet/fiction writer, Bill Meissner, will appear Thursday, October 7 at Kirtland Community College's Continuing Education Center on College Drive. An award-winning author, Meissner will read from his work at 7:30 p.m. A reception with book signing follows. Meissner is the author of four books, including a 1994 collection of baseball stories: *Hitting into the Wind*. The event is free and open to the public. For information about the Controlled Burn Reading Series or the November 5 event, contact LaFemina at (517) 275-5121, ext. 376.

Free health screenings offered at Mercy

Once a month, Mercy Hospital-Grayling offers free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings. Walk-in registration is taken in the front lobby of the hospital. No fasting is required for blood glucose tests. This month, screenings will be held Monday, October 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Hospice plans memorial service

On Saturday, October 9 at 10 a.m., Hospice of Michigan will hold a memorial service to remember and honor those loved ones who have passed on during the past two years. The service will be held at Ironton Springs, a Vanderbilt roadside park on Old 27, about 2.5 miles north of Gaylord High School. Everyone is welcome to attend. Also, volunteers are needed to perform office duties at the Gaylord office of Hospice, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Four to 8 hour shifts are available. For more information, call Volunteer Manager Cindy Witkowski at (517) 732-2151 or 1-800-449-5560.

GHS to hold college information night

On Tuesday, October 12, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Grayling High School Counseling Department will host an evening of information for parents and students in grades nine through 11 who are considering attending college. Meet in the GHS Media Center to learn about selecting appropriate high school courses, standardized tests, co-curricular activities, choosing a college, and financial aid. The Counseling Department will also offer an in-depth look at financial aid at a seminar on December 10.

Grayling antique shops offer adventure

The Grayling Antique Dealers Association will be hosting their 4th Annual Antique Adventure Weekend, October 9 and 10. Open House will be held at all six Grayling area shops on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A \$100 gift certificate will be given away -- no purchase is necessary -- you only need to visit each shop on that weekend. Entry forms will be available at all shops. There will be door prizes, special discounts, refreshments and entertainment at all of the shops.

Mercy cancels prostate cancer program

The Prostate Cancer Awareness Programs sponsored by Mercy Hospital Grayling, scheduled for October 19 in Roscommon, October 21 in Prudenville, and October 26 at the Mercy Internal Medicine Campus, have been cancelled.

Retired school personnel to meet

The Crawford-Oscoda Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will hold its Fall meeting at Shoppenagon's Inn, Friday, October 15. Luncheon begins at 12 noon, business meeting to follow. All retired school employees are invited to attend. Please call 348-5945 or 348-9543.

Tabernacle to host evangelist

The Abundant Life Tabernacle will host evangelist John Weatherly of Atlanta, Georgia on October 10, at 6:30 p.m. and on October 11-15 at 7 p.m.

SHARE to hold last pick-up

There will be a share sign-up on October 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up will be October 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints on N. Down River Road. This will be the last opportunity to take part in the SHARE program. SHARE Michigan is being canceled due to lack of interest.

Michelson to hold Bazaar and Luncheon

Michelson Methodist Church will hold a Fall Bazaar and Luncheon on October 14 from 5-8 p.m. and on October 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The turkey strata luncheon will take place on October 15 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants will be able to shop for gifts in the unique Village Shops.

Cultural Events to present first of dinner concerts

The '99-00 Cultural Events "Command Performance Series" will kick off its season with a special Sunday brunch event on October 10, featuring the Detroit Chamber Winds.

The event will be held at Shoppenagon's Inn at 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 each.

The brunch buffet will include french toast, quiche, breakfast meats, chicken entree, beef entree, breads, desserts and juice.

The Detroit Chamber Winds is a mixture of wind and brass music that features about 20 musicians. Since its birth in 1982, Detroit

Chamber Winds has been performing compositions that are generally not heard in today's concert halls due to unusual instrumentation needs.

Tickets for this series should be ordered in advance. To order tickets, or for more information, contact the CASD Community Education office at (517) 348-7641 ext. 123 or 120.

Cultural Events programs are presented by the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program, in partnership with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and area businesses and corporations.

Testing to be held at GHS for college-bound students

Grayling High School (GHS) is offering two tests this month for college-bound students.

ACT's PLAN Test will be offered to all college-bound sophomores on October 26. PLAN is the 10th grade test that provides students with an idea of how they may perform on the ACT Assessment, which is taken in the junior or senior year, and is used for college admission.

In addition to gauging academic achievement, PLAN provides information for education and career planning.

Cost of the PLAN test is \$8 and students need to register in the GHS counseling office by October 20.

High school juniors will be offered the PSAT Test at GHS on October 12 during the first three hours of the school day.

The PSAT Test is a preview of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and is used as a qualifying test for the national Merit Scholarship Program. It is also used as a qualifier for a scholarship given by Weyerhaeuser Corporation.

The test is given nationally and on only two dates.

Cost of the PSAT test is \$9 and is due by the registration deadline of October 5. As with the PLAN test, students can register for the PSAT in the GHS counseling office.

Mercy's annual candlelight memorial service planned

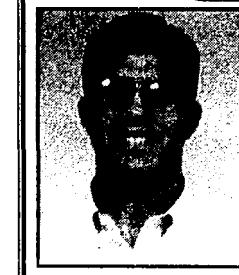
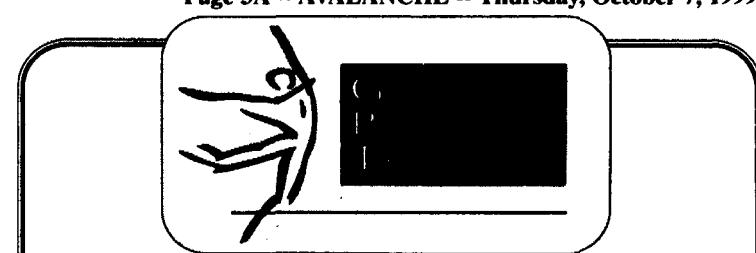
Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice invites the community to participate in the 1999 Annual Memorial Service, Wednesday, October 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon.

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one through death and would like to remember them in this special candle lighting ceremony, please contact the Mercy Amicare Hospice office at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

When calling, give the name, date,

and year of death, and how many people will be attending. You need not be present to have a candle lit for your loved one(s).

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by October 8 so plans may be made accordingly.



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The Bible Speaks

Church Leaders Arrested

Chinese police in China's Hunan province arrested eight leaders of underground Christian churches and have threatened to sentence them to labor camps. The importance of this article is the similarity with what happened here in America to David and Diane Reiter in March 1998 for holding weekly prayer meetings in their home in east Denver. According to the Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China, the police seized the "house church" leaders on a Wednesday evening while they were holding a meeting in one of their homes in the city of Wugang.

In China, only government controlled religious activities are allowed. The government has repeatedly cracked down on independent churches that attract millions of worshippers. In the above incident, about 20 police burst in arresting the leaders, ransacking the house, confiscating Bibles and money, according to the Chinese Rights group.

Do you wonder why people risk their freedom and property to form underground churches? We had a pastor of underground churches in the former Soviet Union testifying in our church about what really happened there. The government registered churches were led by seminary trained pastors. To enter the seminary as a ministerial stu-

dent, one had to be a member of the communist party. In a registered church, you could not teach your children your faith. The state controlled what was being taught and practiced within the churches. During that time millions of Bibles were smuggled into the Soviet Union from the West. Freedom of religion was taught and practiced only in underground facilities. Those caught were often beaten, jailed, and some served years of prison time for repeated offenses.

The Dallas Morning News has recently reported that a former FBI official now claims that two M651 CS tear gas grenades were used by a FBI hostage rescue team at Waco on April 19, 1993 - the day the Branch Davidian siege ended in a tragic inferno killing more than 80 adults and children. Danny O. Coulson, a deputy assistant in the FBI's criminal investigative division at the time of the siege, is the first government official to contradict the official Justice Department investigation which concluded that no incendiary devices were used. Coulson, who said the devices themselves could not have caused the fire, said it should have been publicly reported that these devices were "fired" into the building. Many of us saw on video the big guns of a tank push into the building. Later the building burst into

"Pastor "B"

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Andrea Grigg and Timothy Moore

Grigg and Moore to be wed

Susan Robison of Farwell, along with Barry and Linda Grigg of Clare, announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea LaRae to Timothy John Moore. Tim is the son of Fred and Nancy Moore of Grayling.

Andrea attended Central Michigan University and is employed at North Woods Nursing Center in Farwell as an Administrative Assistant.

Tim is a graduate of Ferris State University and is owner of Moore's Automotive (NAPA) in Farwell.

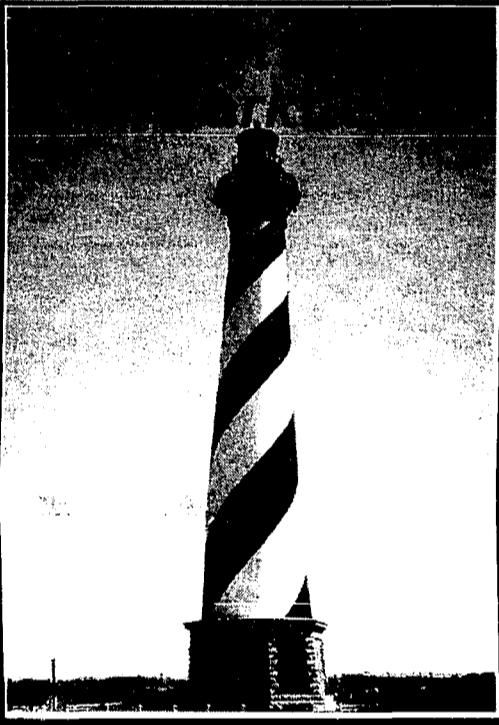
An October wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Lloyd - Nowlin engaged

Joan Lloyd of Southfield Nowlin, formerly of Grayling. Wedding vows will be exchanged son, Clifford A. Lloyd to Mary L. June 30, 2000.

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Women's health issues topic of free Mercy programs

Mercy Hospital Grayling will be presenting "Women's Health Awareness Programs" throughout the month of October.

William Trent, DO, OB/GYN will speak on a variety of health issues concerning women, including breast and ovarian cancer, hormone replacement therapy, and menopause.

Area women will have three opportunities to attend this educational event:

- Mercy North Campus, OB/GYN - October 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Mercy Roscommon Campus - October 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Mercy Prudenville Campus - October 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There is no charge for this program. For more information, please call (517) 348-0708.

GHS ALUMNI NEWS

GHS Class of '49 Holds 50th Reunion

On a bright and sunny afternoon, 24 classmates of 1949, along with their spouses, met at Joyce (Horel) and Jim Kolka's residence for cocktails before heading to the alumni dinner at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Everyone took that big walk down memory lane and agreed that not much has changed since that night, June 9, 1949. Some may have a little more gray hair, or added on a few pounds, but in our hearts we were all one.

In attendance were: Tom Anthony from Gladwin; Marjorie (Nelson) and Michael Rinas from Owosso; Donna (Carlson) and Alden Wiley from Lansing, Iowa; Joan (Corwin)

and Russ Scholtens from Suttons Bay; Lucy Galvani from Flint; Mary (Majeska) and Skip Begley from Alpena; Cynthia (Stephan) and Ralph Hanna from Traverse City; Robert and Marilyn Brady from Canton; Carl Dean and Betty Hanson from Battle Creek; Thelma (Agar) and Charles Masters from Bay City; John and Diana Krage from Rogers City; Walter and Velma LaMotte from Burton; Claude and Kay Parkinson from St. Paul, Minnesota; Axel and Joan Peterson from Bellevue, Nebraska; Delores (LaMotte) and Dick Dibble from Riverview, Florida; Phyllis Milks from Clare.

Grayling residents in attendance were: Larry and Mo McNamara,

Joyce (Horel) and Jim Kolka, Joan Harwood) and Jack Rasmussen, Pat (Berry) Legg, Amber Meech, Madeline (Straleys) Kucharek, Patricia (Skinley) Wakeley, and Martin Kitchen.

It was a beautiful turn out, and God willing, we shall all meet again in 2004.

We would also like to honor our deceased classmates: Leonard Jenson, Robert Lozon, Ernie Parsons, Richard Owens, Norene (Vincent) Kouach, Phyllis (Schmidt) Thompson, DeLauras (Welsh) Ray, Bonnie (Bogart) Kucharek, Mary (Gierke) Messinhimer, Beverly (McCauley) Firth. They were all in our thoughts.

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After 14 days in the hospital they sent Megan home. Six days later Megan reopened her incision. Another surgery, three more days in the hospital, and five weeks of IV antibiotics at home followed. We are happy to say that she has recovered from all the surgeries and is doing great - better than anyone ever imagined so soon after the surgeries. The doctors say she should recover fully with time.

Telling you about Megan is the easy part, now comes the hard part. We want to say thank you. We don't know where to start - so many people helped us in so many ways...

• One hundred Fire Officers and Conservation Officers donated sixty-one days of their vacation so Jack could have the time off to be with Megan and family. The employees of Mercy Hospital did the same for Michelle.

• Churches in this community prayed for Megan, as well as churches in Tawas, Oscoda, Mio, Gaylord, Roscommon, Kalkaska, the U. P., Florida, North Carolina, Colorado and many more that we don't even know about. People would call Saturday night and get an update on how she was doing so they could pass it on to the members of their churches on Sunday mornings. God Bless you all.

• There were people who brought food and sent cards.

• Neighbors took Rachel on a minute's notice (often in the middle of the night) because Megan was having seizures and we were headed to a hospital somewhere else in the state.

• Many were understanding when they asked about Megan or tried to offer comfort and we cried or "bit their heads off." We appreciate your support and apologize if we didn't always demonstrate this.

• Our family was there for us to do whatever we asked from the beginning.

• "Grandpa Duane" Brooks got dragged everywhere when we needed an extra pair of hands.

• The staff at Crawford AuSable Daycare have all been very understanding, caring and loving to all of us throughout the last few years. You are all special! Thank You!

• Dr. Slater and the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room staff cared for Megan with great professionalism and kindness, and the lab cared for Megan in a gentle and friendly manner. We know it is as hard for you as it is for Megan.

To each and every one of you, so many to name, thank you!

We still have a lot of days to spend down state with doctors and tests, and there still will be tears of sorrow and of joy. But when you get to the point when you think you just can't take anymore, all you have to do is stop and look around you. There are a lot of children in this world worse off than Megan and we have such a great support system.

THANK YOU!
Jack, Michelle, Megan and Rachel Money

83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencing for August, 1999

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Robert Eugene Jansma, 69, of Grayling - OUIL/per se, second offense - Ordered to pay \$950 and/or 95 days in jail.

Edward Alvin Downs III, 25 of Sault Ste. Marie - License suspended/revoked - Sentenced to 15 days in jail, placed on probation for 184 days, ordered to pay \$680 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Bradley Maxwell Thompson, 23, of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$360 fines/costs.

Dean James Walsh, 33, of Gaylord - Impaired, second offense - Ordered to pay \$1490 fines/costs and/or 180 days in jail.

Douglas Earl Hagle, 20, of Grayling - Att. Check NSF \$50.00 or less - Ordered to pay \$23.38 restitution, \$160 fines/costs and/or 18 days in jail.

Lawrence Alan Hammer Jr., 37, of Roscommon - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$780 fines/costs and/or 78 days in jail.

Dean James Walsh, 33, of Gaylord - (1) Operate Under the

Influence Liquor, (2) License Suspended/Revoked, (3) S-registr. Plate/Trailer Viol. - Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 102 days served, placed on probation for 731 days. Ordered to pay \$880 fines/costs and/or 180 days in jail.

John Clifford Moak, 36, of Troy - (1) Open Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, (2) S-No Valid Lic in Possession, (3) Cycle-operate w/o Endorsement, (4) T-Failed to pay approp. fees. - Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Richard Gary Walrath, 56, of Swartz Creek - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$480 fines/costs and/or 48 days in jail.

Richard Thomas Holley, 28, of Kalkaska - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$530 fines/costs and/or 53 days in jail.

Toby Shain Forman, 21, of Roscommon - Alcohol, Selling/Furnishing to Minor - Ordered to pay \$310 fines/costs and/or 31 days in jail.

David Wayne Tolbert, 24, of Grayling - Oper without security - Ordered to pay \$309 fines/costs

and/or 30 days in jail.

Timothy John Minnick, 38, of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - Place on 184 days probation, ordered to pay \$330 fines/costs and/or 85 days in jail.

James Anthony Fayed, 48, of Port Huron - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$530 fines/costs and/or 53 days in jail.

Justin Donald Davis, 17, of Grayling - M-Youth Tobacco Act Violation - Ordered to pay \$50 fines/costs and/or 5 days in jail.

Jonathan Andrew Moore, 17, of Grayling - M-Youth Tobacco Act Violation - Ordered to pay \$50 fines/costs and/or 48 days in jail.

Gary Arthur Partlow Jr., 37, of Grayling - Domestic Violence - Sentenced to 30 days in jail, placed on 366 days probation, ordered to pay \$500 fines/costs and/or 50 days in jail.

David James Bendig, 38, of Grayling - Larceny over \$200, less than \$1,000 - Sentenced to 30 days in jail, placed on 366 days probation, sentenced to 80 hours of com-

munity service, ordered to pay \$300 restitution, \$1,000 fines/costs and/or 130 days in jail.

Thomas Ervin Ray, 46, of Grayling - Op. with blood alcohol level .10% - Ordered to pay \$850 fines/costs and/or 85 days in jail.

Debra Ann Bissell, 25, of Frederic - Domestic Violence - Placed on 366 days probation, ordered to pay \$500 fines/costs and/or 50 days in jail.

Johanna Renee Hunsperger, 37, of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$480 fines/costs and/or 48 days in jail.

Joel Anthony Niedjelski, 42, of Auburn Hills - Disturbance of the Peace - Sentenced to 5 days in jail with credit for 5 days already served.

Honorable Dennis Murphy

Deana Kaye Welch, 40, of Frederic - Operate under the Influence Liquor - Placed on 366 days probation, ordered to pay \$850 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

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Sentencing for August, 1999

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy

Christopher M. LaChappelle of Grayling - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 90 days in the county jail with credit for eight days previously served.

Keith Allen Procunier of Frederic - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 10 days in the county jail with credit for five days previously served.

probation.

Roger Dale Guilfoil of Roscommon - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 90 days in the Department of Corrections Boot Camp Program.

Tony James Johnson of Grayling - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 90 days in the Department of Corrections Boot Camp Program.

David Allen Shram of Saginaw - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 16 to 24 months with Michigan Department of Corrections, with credit for 194 days previously served

Honorable Alton T. Davis

Bruce Lewis Haughey of Roscommon - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 36 to 60 months with

Michigan Department of Corrections; and ordered to pay \$292.09 restitution.

Brian Michael Sirbaugh - Escape Juvenile Facility - Sentenced to one year, one day to 48 months with Michigan Department of Corrections; and ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims' fee

Cynthia Marie Shearer of Houghton Lake - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and discharged from

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Department from September 26 through October 2:

Three false alarms; two animal control; two felony arrests (stemming from the same complaint); three misdemeanor arrests; one assault; two assists to other departments; two domestic complaints; one car fire investigation; one juvenile

larceny; three larcenies; two motorist assists; three private property accidents; three street accidents; one misdemeanor traffic citation; one traffic control; and six unclassified complaints. Six traffic warnings were also issued.

A total of 36 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from September 27 through October 4:

Two burglary; five larceny; one fraud; four property damage; one family/child; six public peace; one OUIL/OUID; nine health and safety (all of which were animal control); one abandon; two minors; one men-

tal health; eight accidents; one non-traffic accident; two false alarm; two accident-other; three vehicle inspections; two civil/family trouble; two suspicious situation; one lost/found property; 18 general non-criminal.

A total of 72 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

RANGE FIRING

Camp Grayling Range Firing scheduled, during October 6 through October 12.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of

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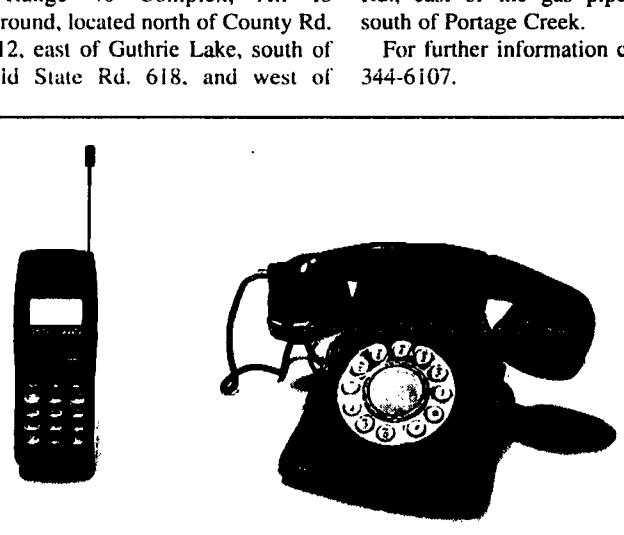
Topics to be covered at the two-day conference will include Y2K water supply issues, environmental terrorism, biodegradation of carbon tetrachloride, water system design and sizing, well grouting, proper plugging methods to abandon wells, agricultural issues with wells, low capacity wells, and well disinfection requirements.

The MEHA is an organization of professionals in Environmental Health, who are employed in either the private or public sectors, and are dedicated to the improvement of health through management of the environment. Currently, there are approximately 700 members statewide.

Anyone employed in the well construction industry or interested in the program is welcome to attend.

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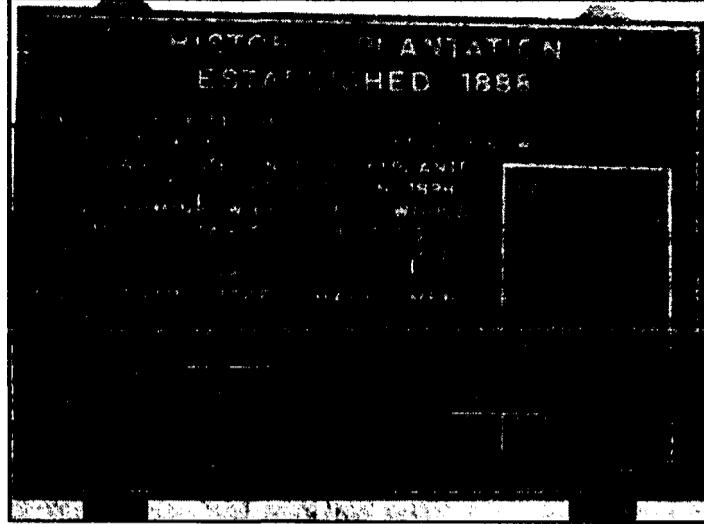
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Photo by Cheryl Rulley

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: You do not need the best of everything to make the best of everything.

There is a definite nip in the air and Jack Frost is rearing his little pointed head and giving us the whistle! The leaves are falling at an astounding rate; almost before their full color is reached. Let's all hurry and go on a color tour so we don't miss it. Fall really is a beautiful time of year what with all of the color and the crunching of the leaves underfoot and the smell of autumn in all its glory! Let's all relish it while we can and be like Scarlett O'Hara and not think about the snow today, we'll wait and think about it tomorrow!

Things that are happening at the center:

October 6 - Commodities at the Eagles, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

October 7 - Lucky 7 Casino trip leaving at 9:30 a.m.; Blood pressures and sugars, 11 a.m. - noon.

October 8 - Frederic Satellite, noon; Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.; RSVP Octoberfest and bingo, 5 p.m.

October 11 - SHARE sign-up, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (This is the last month of the SHARE program); Hangman, 5:30 p.m.

October 12 - Ellie Mae's Country-Western dance, 5:30 p.m.;

October 13 - Birthday dinner followed by the RSVP White Elephant Auction

October 14 - Out to Lunch Gang leaves for Petoskey, 11 a.m.; Foot

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OBITUARIES

Edward J. Martella III

Edward John Martella III, 41, of Grayling, died October 2, 1999, at West Shore Hospital, Manistee.

Mr. Martella was born April 14, 1958, in Detroit, the son of Edward J. Jr. and Margaret A. (Prevost) Martella. He was a resident of Grayling for 24 years, moving here from Mt. Pleasant in 1975.

He married the former Karen Rita Schlehuber on December 15, 1984 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling. Mr. Martella was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a 3rd degree member of the Grayling Knights of Columbus, Council 1982. He was employed by Halliburton Energy Services as a service coordinator. He was active, with his wife Karen, as a leader in "Marriage Encounter." In his spare time, he liked to golf, hunt and go camping.

He is survived by his wife, Karen R. Martella of Grayling; three daughters, Amy Martella of Mt. Pleasant, Patti and Angie both at home; his parents, Edward and Marge Martella Jr. of Grayling; two sisters, Mary (Mike) Stevens of Laingsburg and Cathy (Jim) Bogie of Clio; two brothers, Bill (Kathleen) Martella of Gaylord and David (Stacie) Martella of Clarkston; mother-in-law, Mary R. Schlehuber of Grayling.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, October 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Albin Gietzen officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to the Edward J. Martella III Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 808, Grayling. It was established through American Express Financial Advisors, for the college education of Mr. Martella's daughters.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Jean Marie Smith

Jean Marie Smith, 69, of Grayling, died October 1, 1999, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Smith was born November 20, 1929 in Lakewood, Ohio, the daughter of George and Dorothy (Lovell) Eink. A resident of Grayling, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, she was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She worked as a cook for the Crawford County Sheriff Department in Grayling, for the last few years. She loved to sew, cook and work on her computer.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence L. Smith of Grayling; two stepsons, Robert G. Smith and Donald G. Smith, both of Cleveland Ohio; one stepdaughter, Jean (Niel) Allen of Dearborn; five grandchildren; one sister, Carol Walton of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; one brother, Edward (Helen) Eink of Brook Park, Ohio.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, October 5, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Mariusz Makowski officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

The family suggest that memorials be directed to Mercy Hospital or Mercy Manor.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Nancy E. Lisman

Nancy E. Lisman, 88, of Gaylord, died October 2, 1999, at Tendercare, Gaylord.

Mrs. Lisman was born May 8, 1911, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the daughter of George and Ida (Johnson) Foster. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Lisman.

She is survived by two sisters, Mattie Williams of Cheboygan and Betty (Edward) Klingbeil of Cadillac; one "daughter" Beverly Smock of Frederic; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, October 8, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Interment of ashes will be at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.



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*In Memory of
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On a Sunday morning, August 22, "Mike" McNeil of Deltona, Florida, died suddenly of cardiovascular complications.

He was born November 6, 1943 in Bay City, MI. He had lived in Grayling for several years, graduated from Traverse City, MI, and entered the Navy after graduation. Mike served his country aboard the U.S.S. *Bambridge*. For the last 20 years he had lived in Florida. He was a bronze level sales consultant for Sullivan Dodge.

He is survived by his sons: Patrick, Mack and Ryan; two daughters: Samantha and Colleen; seven grandchildren and a sister Patricia (Jack) McNeil of Mason, MI. Mike was loved by his family and he will be missed.

*In Memory Of
Thomas Hall
4/9/1925-9/20/1999*

Our beloved husband and father, THOMAS HALL, 74 of Grayling, MI died peacefully September 20, 1999. His wife Shirley, son Ricky and daughter Julie were with him as he passed away in his own home surrounded by a lifetime of love from all his family.

Mr. Hall was born April 9, 1925, in Saginaw, MI to Thomas Leslie and Nellie Victoria (Avery) Hall. He married Shirley A. Berkobien on August 7, 1949 in Saginaw. They recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary with their children. He had a special relationship with his Lord and was of the Lutheran faith. He worked in the auto industry and as a carpenter and builder and was a man of many talents. He was a member of the American Legion Post #225. He enjoyed family, golfing, traveling, hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Nellie Hall, five sisters-Elsie, Beatrice, Ruth, Maude and Doris and four brothers- Webster, Wilbur, Floyd, and Clarence.

Left with cherished memories are: his wife, Shirley A. Hall of Grayling, four daughters, Cheryl (Rey) Paez, of Saginaw, Vicki (Gary) Rousseau of Traverse City, Julie Hall (Mike Gorski) of Grayling, Tresea (Ron) Rappley of Saginaw; three sons, Thomas (Sharon) Hall of Grayling, Gerald (Julia) Hall of Grand Rapids. Ricky Hall of Saginaw: 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also, one brother, Arthur (Betty) Hall of Saginaw.

A heavenly funeral was held at his home on September 21, 1999 with Pastor Larry Starke of New Life Christian Fellowship Church officiating. Our husband and father was then honored for his military service in the Navy by Chaplin Thayer and taps were played over Lake Margrethe by Matt Thomas as flags hung at half-mass in his memory. A final memorial was held at Elmwood Cemetery on Sunday, September 26, 1999 with a 21-Gun Salute.

Our Dad enjoyed life and taught all of his family the best things in life are simple. Sunshine, blue skies and all God has created. He adored his wife and they were best friends for over 50 years. He loved each of us for who we are and encouraged us to be our own person and because of his wonderful sense of humor, today, tears are mixed with laughter. He was a wise man and always, through a kind heart, set an example of living that we, as his children, hope to carry on. Thank you Mom, for never leaving his side. We thank God for the time we had with our husband, father and best friend. Dad, we all love you and miss you and thank you.

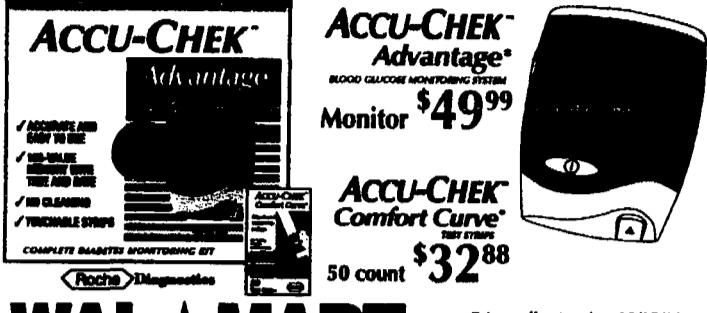
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MILITARY NEWS



HAIL AND FAREWELL — Front Row (from left): SSG Mike Shearer, SSG Ron Hall, SSG Don Kolka. Middle Row: CW2 Jim Rohen, SFC Alan Watros, MSG Pat Oard-Moore, SSG Don Sawall, SFC Jeff McClain. Back Row: SFC Gale Owen, SSG David Wilson, SSG Daniel Lewis

On Saturday, October 22, eleven soldiers who have retired from Camp Grayling units were honored at the 4th annual Hail and Farewell dinner and program. These 11 retirees represent two hundred sixty (260) years of military service to our state and nation. They represent service in all U.S. conflicts from the Vietnam War through the crisis in Bosnia.

The dinner was held at the Camp Grayling Officers Club, established in 1917, and started with a cocktail hour/mixer, followed by a buffet dinner and an awards presentation program. One hundred fifty family members and guests were in attendance to recognize these soldiers for their achievements.

Those honored (by years of service) were: Chief Warrant Officer

Two James Rohen of Evart (30 years); Staff Sergeant Daniel Lewis of Frederic (25 years); Sergeant First Class Alan Watros of Grayling (25 years); Staff Sergeant David Wilson of Boyne City (25 years); Sergeant First Class Jeffery McClain of Grayling (24 years); Staff Sergeant Donald Sawall of Houghton Lake (24 years); Master Sergeant Patricia Oard-Moore of Midland (23 years); Sergeant First Class Gale Owen of Alpena (23 years); Staff Sergeant Ronald Hall of Grayling (21 years); Staff Sergeant Donald Kolka of Bay City (20 years); Staff Sergeant Mike Shearer of Grayling (20 years).

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 Army National Guard Pvt. Brandy S. Peterson has graduated from the unit supply specialist course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the course, the student received instruction in the maintenance of stock records and the procedures necessary to receive, store, issue and ship supplies and materiel. Peterson is the daughter of D.C. Peterson of Grayling.

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Joe Pendergraft, of Grayling, enlisted in the Michigan National Guard on September 24 as an 11B, Infantryman. He is a student at Kirtland Community College studying criminal justice.

Pendergraft will be leaving for 13 weeks of basic training and infantry school at Ft. Benning, Georgia, January 12, 2000. Upon completion of his training, he will return to college using the Montgomery GI Bill and the 50% tuition reimbursement that National Guard soldiers are eligible for.

Pendergraft is the son of Jeff Pendergraft of Grayling and Kerry Lee Hitchcock of Marysville.

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 Michelle Roldan, of Grayling, enlisted in the Michigan National Guard on July 28 as a 95B, Military Policeman. She will be attending Basic Training and Military Police schooling at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri beginning January 2000.

Roldan enlisted for the Montgomery GI Bill worth \$9,200, Enlistment Bonus of \$3,000, and the 50% tuition reimbursement. She plans to attend college upon completion of her military training next spring.

October is the Month of the Young Adolescent

Schools and communities throughout the United States, including Grayling Middle School, will celebrate Month of the Young Adolescent in October to draw attention to the academic and developmental needs of 10 to 15 year olds.

The month was created in 1997 by National Middle School Association (NMSA) in collaboration with 31 other national educational, youth and health organizations. Today, 36 organizations, as well as NMSA's 56 affiliates, are collaborating on the month.

Month of the Young Adolescent focuses on four objectives:

- The importance of parents being knowledgeable about young adolescents and being actively involved in their lives;
- The understanding that healthy bodies plus healthy minds equal healthy young adolescents;
- The realization that the education young adolescents experience during this formative period of life, will by large measure, determine the future for all citizens; and
- The knowledge that every young adolescent should have the opportunity to pursue his or her dreams and

Activity Night for GMS students. (See Middle School Calendar for details)

• Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 6 and 7)

• Parents may pick up bumper stickers at the Middle School promoting their involvement in their adolescents' success

• Parent Improvement Team Meeting (October 27, 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.) in GMS Board Room

• Fall Band Concert (October 19, 7 p.m.)

• Middle School Play. Rumpelstiltskin (October 22 and 23)

Autumn sky explored at the Planetarium

The fall sky is the topic of the latest program at the Jesse Besser Museum's Planetarium. Entitled "Diamond in the Sky," this program was written by Alpena native Matt Linke.

"Diamond in the Sky" uses baseball as a backdrop to learn about the stars, constellations and myths associated with the fall sky.

In this program, the audience will learn to find Cassiopeia the Queen, Cepheus the King, Perseus the hero and of course The Great Square of

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This program is intended to educate professionals in human services and law enforcement.

- Silent Crime - Confident Criminal:
 Kirtland Community College Auditorium 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

This program will be for general audiences and deal primarily with the awareness and avoidance of sexual assault.



These programs are brought to your community free of charge thanks to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Services grant from the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board of the Family Independence Agency and other contributions. Please feel free to contact River House Shelter for further information at (517) 348-3169.

Planting project helps restore habitats

Eighty-five northern Michigan residents have planted over 1,200 young cedar seedlings recently in an effort to preserve and protect the cold water fishery of the AuSable and Manistee River Watersheds. The third year of this "one-of-its-kind" restoration project encouraged cedar seedlings planting by local river property owners to help maintain the delicate balance of the river's ecological system.

The Michigan White Cedars along the river's banks provide needed shade to maintain the cold water fishery. The presence of the cedar sweepers at the water line provides protection for the fish, increases the amount of large woody debris in the water, as well as provides for the preservation of the riverbank by locking in the soil.

There is virtually no natural regeneration of Michigan white cedars in northern Michigan due to the tremendous deer populations. Many river property owners have long recognized the complete absence of any young cedars in our area. They have attempted to plant replacement cedar seedlings only to have the deer eat them again.

Recognizing this problem exists and the need for a solution be found, volunteer members of the AuSable River System Property Owners Association (ARSPOA) pre-packed Michigan White Cedar seedlings into a "planting kit." Included in this planting kit were:

10 Michigan White Cedar seedlings, protective enclosure, wooden stakes, ties to secure fence; and complete planting instructions.

Volunteer members of the AuSable River System Property Owners Association assisting with this year's distribution included: Jim Golden, April Andrus, Greg Stansbury, Jerry Gosnell, Ron and Ruth Joyce, Rod Ney, Barnard Craves, and Don Zelenka. Committee members included Bernie Fowler, Charlie Guenther, Brian Benjamin, Ed Parks, Brian Crouch and chairman Howard N. Johnson.

Local river property owners pur-

chased all the seedlings that were available for the project this year. The committee is pleased to report that the interest is so strong that some of the available tree stock for next year's project has already been committed.

To order kits for next summer, (or to start a similar project on your favorite river) please contact project chairman Howard N. Johnson at (517) 753-6373.

The actual cost for all the material in the "Cedar Tree Kit" was substantially more than the asking price. The purchase price was subsidized by George W. Mason Chapter (Grayling) of Trout Unlimited.

William B. Mershon Chapter (Saginaw) of Trout Unlimited, Paul H. Young Chapter (Detroit) of Trout Unlimited, Clinton Valley Chapter (Rochester Hills) of Trout Unlimited, Challenge Chapter (Bloomfield Hills) of Trout Unlimited, Upper Manistee River Association, Anglers of the AuSable (Grayling), AuSable River Watershed Restoration Committee, and Mr. Craig Hinkle, Re/Max of Grayling.

Many local businesses also helped with the project, including Wayne Wire Cloth Products of Hillman and Village Ace Hardware of Roscommon.



HELPING NATURE - AuSable River System Property Owners Association volunteers Jim Golden, Rodney Ney and Don Zelenka prepare to load the fence enclosure and cedar tree seedlings.

Hatchery Committee by-laws approved by County

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Project Steering Committee is well under way. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners have approved the By-Laws for the project and have appointed the initial members to the Steering Committee who meet on a monthly basis. These meetings are open to the public and posted in the County building.

The committee believes this is an exciting project for all who live in Crawford County which includes all 60 acres that comprise the "old and newer" Fish Hatchery.

The committee's vision for the Grayling Fish Hatchery Project includes a year-round museum, aquariums, exhibits, library facilities, teaching stations, interpretive trails, recreational park facilities, community rooms and possibly an aviary, just to name a few.

One of the first items on the renovation list was to ensure that the building was weather tight by



Grayling Fish Hatchery

boarding up broken windows and patching the roof. This has been made possible by a grant received from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. The project has also received support from Grayling Township, George Mason Chapter Trout Unlimited, North Branch AuSable Property Owners Association, Waste Management,

Inc. and numerous private individuals in both donations and services.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery restoration and development is a work-in-progress and demands community effort and support. The committee would like everyone to watch for the donation "fish" around town and help this project be one the community can be proud of.

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Sheriff's auction draws many for bargains

EVERYTHING MUST GO — At least 75 people showed up last Thursday evening for the Crawford County Sheriff's Auction Sale. Good bargains were realized on desks and office equipment, as well as a canoe, motorboat and many "miscellaneous items" being sold by county agencies and departments.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Kirtland tech center ok'd in second round

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced today that a proposal submitted by the local Michigan Works! agency and Kirtland Community College was one of eight chosen to receive a Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) grant. The grant will allow Kirtland Community College to build an over 34,000 square foot facility in Gaylord.

"Building on the success of our first round of M-TEC's, this second set promises to be just as effective, bringing needed training to these communities," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "These facilities are leading the way as the future of Michigan's community-based, industry-driven training."

The college's plan includes over \$1 million in up-front local matching dollars and \$2.3 million for sustainability.

Kirtland Community College requested \$4,889,505 to build a

34,035 square foot building on a site near the Gaylord local high school and owned by the County of Otsego. This request includes \$4,162,445 for the M-TEC itself, and \$727,169 for a learning and resource center.

The learning resources center would be added to the M-TEC and would add approximately 1,200 square feet of computer lab and other space for shipping, receiving and offices.

Funding is provided in the amount of \$4,100,000.

Training targets the manufacturing and construction trades using an open-entry, open-exit, modular, skills based, competency-based training design.

The center will have an oversight board dominated by private industry which reports to the college trustees. The board will create a manufacturing committee and a construction curriculum committee, both of which will be industry-dominated. The board will establish goals, and ensure curriculum and equipment are appropriate.

Kirtland has received financial support from numerous local employers and a fund raising campaign committee has been mobilized to seek local contributions in the amount of \$500,000 and the county is prepared to seek a \$2,300,000 county-wide millage to provide ongoing support for the center.

To reach more people, Kirtland Community College will offer flexible training and hours of operation to meet individual training needs.

At a press conference in Gaylord on Monday, September 27, Michelle McManus, director of the Governor's Northern Michigan office, was joined by Kirtland Community College officials and other local representatives to make the announcement.

"Kirtland Community College has promoted, and will no doubt continue to promote, the highest standards of partnership between business, industry and education," said McManus. "It's long been said that in the battle for jobs, the state with the best training and education sys-

tem wins. This M-TEC will help ensure that this region and the whole state of Michigan wins."

This grant will provide an economic boost for Northern Michigan," said Sen. George McManus. "I'm pleased with the commitment the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has made to our region."

"I know a lot of us in Lansing have worked hard to make this a reality," said Rep. Ken Bradstreet, "but I think in the final analysis, the lion's share of the credit should go to the people of Gaylord who have put together such a strong proposal and program. My hat's off to them."

Other grant winners include: Southwestern Michigan College, Montcalm Community College, Lansing Community College (Howell proposal), St. Clair County Community College, Macomb Community College, Grand Rapids Community College, and Mid Michigan Community College. The eight grants range in size from \$1.9 million to \$5 million.

White House supports legislation to protect Great Lakes water

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Vice President Al Gore is pledging the administration's support in winning passage of a bill that would impose a moratorium on the bulk removal of water from the Great Lakes Basin.

In a letter to Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Michigan), author of H.R. 2595, Gore commended the congressman for his efforts to address the threat of the diversion of Great Lakes water, and he offered the assistance of the Council on Environmental Quality to help shape the bill for final passage.

"The Great Lakes area is a vital natural resource, and we must preserve this precious resource for future generations," Gore said. "I appreciate your continued leadership on this issue and pledge the Clinton Administration's support for the enactment of moratorium legislation into law."

Introduced by Stupak in July with bipartisan support, the legislation calls for a ban on the bulk sale or diversion of Great Lakes water until the completion of a water study being conducted at the request of the U.S. and Canadian governments and until laws or reg-

ulations are in place to protect the nation's fresh water supply.

The International Joint Commission (IJC), the agency conducting the study, subsequently echoed Stupak's call for a moratorium in an interim report, "The Waters of the Great Lakes," released in August.

Stupak noted the IJC's support of Stupak's position. "In this report, the commission recognized the importance of protecting the Great Lakes Basin as a diverse ecosystem and an important source of fresh water."

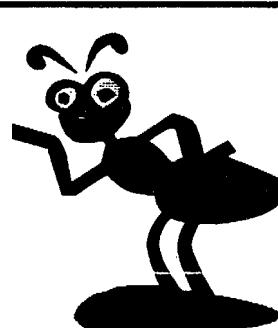
"Significantly, the Commission recommended that bulk removal of water be prohibited until further

study can be undertaken."

Stupak today called the administration's support key to the passage of his proposal. "For any bill to become law, it must pass the House and Senate and be signed by the president," Stupak said.

"Last year the House by a unanimous vote went on record opposing the sale of Great Lakes water. Today's statement of support by the administration means we have gone a long way toward implementing this moratorium."

"I look forward to working with my House and Senate colleagues to complete this process and protect one of our most vital resources, the waters of the Great Lakes."



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The following is a list of dates, times, and locations for the program:

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MI historic sites now on-line

Michigan has more than 3,000 registered historic sites, some such as Mackinac Island are popular tourist sites, others such as Sault Ste. Marie's Andrew Carnegie Library are lesser known.

Attempting to explore even half of these important cultural and architectural resources would seem impossible - until now.

The state's registered state and federal historic sites are available on-line through a new initiative developed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Michigan's Historic Sites Online is a database of more than 3,000 records of historic sites, including location, historical information and photographs, listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historic Sites.

"Before the development of *Michigan's Historic Sites Online*, the only way the public could access historical site information was to visit the State Historic Preservation Office in Lansing," said Secretary of State Candice Miller, the state's official historian. "This new database provides school children, history buffs, preservationists -- even people planning a Michigan vacation -- the opportunity to quickly access a wealth of information about our state's architectural and historic treasures."

Michigan's Historic Sites Online users will choose between *Photo Tour*, which presents a "snapshot" of 13 categories of sites, and *Search Wizard*, which offers a more detailed search, including by name; historical marker title; location; theme; site

status with the state and federal government; type of property; and the name of an historic person associated with the site.

To reach *Michigan's Historic Sites Online*, visit the Secretary of State home page at www.sos.state.mi.us, click on "Historical Center" and then on "State Historic Preservation Office."

The *Michigan's Historic Sites Online* database software and data

entry were made possible by a grant from the national Center for Preservation Technology and Training, which was established by Congress to develop new approaches to historic preservation.

The SHPO works collaboratively with residents throughout the state to provide training, programs and technical assistance to benefit the preservation of the state's historic resources. The SHPO implements

federal and state historic preservation programs to identify, recognize, rehabilitate and protect historic properties.

The SHPO is part of the Michigan Department of State's Michigan Historical Center, which also includes the Michigan Historical museum system, the Office of the State Archaeologist, the State Archives and Michigan History Magazine.

Michigan's Historic Sites On-Line Fact Sheet

- Michigan's Historic Sites Online is accessible from:
- The Michigan Historical Center home Page: www.sos.state.mi.us/history/history.html
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Home Page: www.sos.state.mi.us/history/preserve/preserve.html
- Michigan's Historic Sites Online contains information about the state's 3,241 historic sites. Historic sites are recognized by the following programs - some historic sites in the database were recognized in more than one program: National Historic Landmarks - 36; National Register of Historic Places - 1,325; State Register of Historic Sites - 2,550; Michigan Historical Markers

about historic resources and historic preservation.

- Community planners and other government officials will find Michigan's Historic Sites Online a valuable resource when making decisions that affect the fate of historic properties.
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- People planning Michigan vacations will appreciate Michigan's Historic Sites Online as a guide to places of interest.

Buddy Holly Lives in Gaylord



Buddy Holly and the Crickets

Buddy Holly and the Crickets will appear in concert October 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alan L. Gornick Auditorium in Gaylord.

The "Buddy Holly Lives!" concert is presented by the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts and the group of impressionists is endorsed by the Official Buddy Holly and the Crickets Fan Club, as well as the British Buddy Holly Society.

Transported forward in time from 1959 to present day America, "Buddy Holly" has recruited a new band of musical stars from television and London's West End.

As three of them perform in the "Buddy" show, which depicted the life of the legendary rock'n'roller, they were naturally thrilled and honored to be asked to play with the great man himself.

So, 40 years after Holly last performed, he and the boys will embark on an extensive tour of America.

Some of the songs scheduled to be performed are: *That'll Be the Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *Everyday*, and *It Doesn't Matter Anymore*.

Tickets are available at Saturn Booksellers in the Alpine Plaza in Gaylord. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$9 for students. Address tickets by mail requests to: GACA, P.O. Box 249, Gaylord, MI 49734.

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Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

Percy Has the Last Word and It's, "Good-bye!"

Dear Readers: When I started this column I made a solemn vow to continue helping people until I had given away all my money. In my wildest dreams I never expected to have survived nearly 17 years in print. Soon to be 83, I fully expected that my health would go long before my wealth.

As of today, I've achieved my goal. I've given it all away. It has been the most fantastic experience of my life and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I'm going to miss this column, but I'll especially miss the relationship I've cultivated with you, my readers. You've given me so much over the years. In many respects, I'm far richer today than when I started. I've received more thank you's, blessings and praises than anyone I've ever known.

With you, my readers, we've shared tragedies and misfortunes. We've shared people's lives who have been touched in a positive way. We've shared the needy and the greedy--some met with laughter, others met with tears.

This has been a lesson in human emotion and I walk away a more educated person for having dealt with thousands and thousands of letters.

You've changed my life in a powerful way and I will remain eternally grateful for having had the privilege of writing this column.

To all the newspaper editors who have supported my column by providing the much coveted space--I thank you. I could never have done it without you. And also a special thanks to Creators Syndicate and their President, Rick Newcombe, for backing me every step of the way.

A couple of loose ends I'd like to tie up. First, there remains roughly \$150,000 left over from the funds raised for Lisa Howard, the young lady who received a heart/double lung transplant.

These funds have been established in a trust, and are available for another individual in need of

organ transplantation. One stipulation made, however, by the Attorney General of Minnesota--it must go to a Minnesota resident. So, for any of my Minnesota readers, please let me hear from you if you know of someone who could benefit from these funds.

Second, the fund raising for Jalayne Noonan's service dog was an overwhelming success and there remains \$50,000 left over to give away 5 service dogs. So again, if you know of an individual whose life would be enhanced by receiving a service dog, please let me hear from you.

In both cases, my post office box remains the same, so write me at P.O. Box 39000, Minneapolis, MN 55439. If nothing else, drop me a line and say, "Good luck, Percy!"

And third, I've set aside \$200,000 prize money for an automobile safety contest, which I'd like to see transpire within the next year. Each year the growing number of fatal car accidents tear loved ones apart. This is one of the last things I'd like to accomplish in my lifetime--to create a greater need of awareness for safety on our highways.

In closing, my loyal editor, Nancy Webber, cautioned me not to feel too bad about ending the column. She reminded me that it was better this way, to have given away all my money, than it would be for her to write my obituary column.

Thank God I still have Laurian, my wife of 60 years and very best friend.

Well, that's it, folks. So much to say, so little space to do it in. I may be retiring from newsprint, but I'll continue to seek financial opportunities in our capitalistic society. In other words, I need to get a job.

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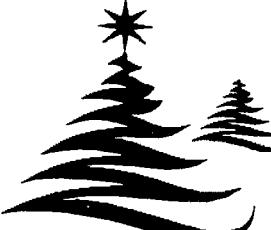
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East, West join forces to combat cardiovascular disease

When you think of treating cardiovascular disease, are your first thoughts of a Chinese Qigong or Japanese Reiki master practicing bio-energy transfer over a patient? Does taking an herbal supplement extracted from the berries and flowers of a certain tree come to mind? Probably not, but that may soon change, thanks to a new research center at the University of Michigan.

The U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center brings together two medical communities that are typically far removed from each other in the United States - ancient Eastern healing and Western scientific medicine. The center will launch several long-term investigations of these alternative medicine therapies as potential treatments for cardiovascular disease. The U-M CAMRC was made possible by a \$5.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. It is one of 13 NIH-funded centers and the only one in the United States studying cardiovascular disease.

Despite the fact that there have been significant improvements in technology, lifestyle habits, pharmacology, surgical techniques and patient management, one sobering fact remains - cardiovascular disease still kills as many Americans as all other diseases combined. Because of this, many people are seeking other methods of treating their illness.

It's estimated that as much as \$20 billion is spent each year in the United States on alternative medical treatments, and surveys have shown that more than half the patients coming to doctors in this country use some form of alternative therapy.

"The reality of complementary and alternative medicine is two-fold in the U.S. right now," says Steven F. Bolling, M.D., professor of cardiac surgery in the U-M Health System and co-director of the new center. "First, it's being used to the tune of \$20 billion by patients who don't always inform their doctors. It's out there and whether they want

to or not, doctors need to be aware of it. Second, there is very little good, hard, scientific data to document whether these treatments work for patients, hurt people or do nothing at all. We want to study them, examine mechanisms and publish results using sound scientific methods."

Three studies are under way and continuing to accept patients in the U-M CAMRC.

The first involves the use of Reiki - or bio-energy transfer - in patients with diabetes who are being treated for cardiovascular disease. These patients often have painful peripheral vascular disease and neuropathy, making rehabilitation more difficult. The Reiki practitioner searches for areas of energy disturbance and attempts to smooth them out and decrease the pain, allowing the patient to become more mobile and go through rehabilitation in better condition.

The second study is an examination of another type of energy transfer - called Qigong - on patients following coronary artery bypass grafting. Proponents say Qigong helps heal wounds and alleviate bone pain - both important issues for the patient recovering from cardiac surgery. This trial will also study how spiritual experience and strong belief systems affect a patient's recovery after heart surgery.

A third study at the U-M CAMRC is testing the use of an herbal supplement, extracted from the berries and flowers of a hawthorn tree, in

patients with congestive heart failure. Hawthorn has been used for centuries in Europe as a therapy for congestive heart failure, but its mechanisms have never been scientifically studied.

The U-M CAMRC hopes to publish these and subsequent research results in peer-reviewed journals. Bolling says the center will also create a statistical database for other researchers; develop a curriculum for students and health professionals; and establish research fellowships for post-doctoral candidates. They also plan to host a national symposium on cardiovascular complementary and alternative medicine.

"A very good question is whether what we're doing here is new age medicine or science. I would like to think it's both," says Bolling. "We're looking at these therapies in a very scientific way and applying statistics in a very Western way. It's new age only in the fact that we're getting around to it right now in the United States. It's been around for thousands of years in much of the rest of the world."

The center is made up of a wide variety of medical disciplines, including thoracic surgery, cardiology, endocrinology, family medicine, nursing, public health, pharmacy, biology, and the complementary and alternative medicine community. Bolling says this multifaceted approach provides patients with the best option.

"I think for my patient, whatever

Facts about cardiovascular disease and alternative medicine:

- Cardiovascular disease kills as many Americans as all other diseases combined.

- As much as \$20 billion is spent each year in the United States on alternative medical treatments.

- Surveys have shown that more than half the patients coming to doctors in this country use some form of alternative therapy.

can be proven to benefit that patient is the best technique and I think in the future, we will take this herb, that operation, this drug, this technique and use them all together. If it's best for my patient, I'll use it."

Find out more information on the Internet at:

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U-M Heart Care Program -
<http://www.med.umich.edu/hcp/index.html>

NIH's National Center for Complementary and Alternative medicine - <http://nccam.nih.gov/>

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Backpack-related injuries raise concerns

MidMichigan Health Park - Houghton Lake Rehabilitation Services' therapists are joining a nationwide effort to turn up the volume on the warning that backpacks can cause ailments ranging from upper and lower back problems, headaches, tingling in the arms and fingers, aching knees, pinched nerves, strained necks and sore shoulders.

They also carry the risk of causing or aggravating scoliosis (curvature of the spine), especially for teenage girls.

Backpacks are designed to carry the load on the body's strongest muscles in the back and abdomen. But improper use means injuries.

An estimated 3,300 children ages five to 14 were treated in emergency rooms in 1997 for injuries related to backpacks, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Children in their late teens and college students run an even higher risk of injuries.

Mitch McMillan, M.S., P.T., of MidMichigan Rehabilitation

Services states, "Backpack loads should not be more than 15 percent of a child's weight." That means that a 100 pound child should not have more than 15 pounds in his or her pack. A child who weighs 45 pounds should pack no more than seven pounds.

Here are some tips to prevent backpack related injuries in children:

- Do not overload a backpack. When filled, a backpack should not exceed 15 percent of a child's body weight.

- While the standard two-strap backpack is good for light loads, a backpack with a hip belt takes the load off the shoulders and distributes it to the hips for heavier loads.

- Be sure to wear both straps. Slings a backpack over one shoulder interferes with proper posture and strains muscles.

- If your child insists on using only one strap, instruct them to switch the pack between both shoulders. (However, wearing both straps is best.)

- Distribute the load. If your backpack has several compartments, adjust the weight evenly across the back to create a proper center of gravity.

- Keep the weight close to you. Arrange items so that the heaviest objects are closest to your back and wear the straps securely to keep the weight close to the body.

- Use a pack with heavily padded shoulder straps and padded back.

- Select a backpack that is not too large for the child to carry. Before you buy a backpack, have your child try it on.

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Parents and students should be aware of health and safety concerns involving the improper use of backpacks. Encourage children to take the time and check their bags on a daily basis and to carry only what they need.

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Advance tickets-by-mail are now available. Tickets for the general public are on sale for \$15 per person. Children five and under are free, but a child's boarding pass

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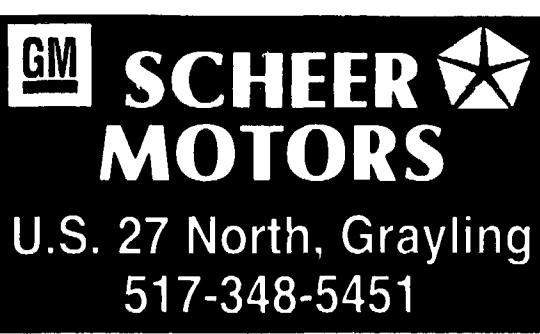
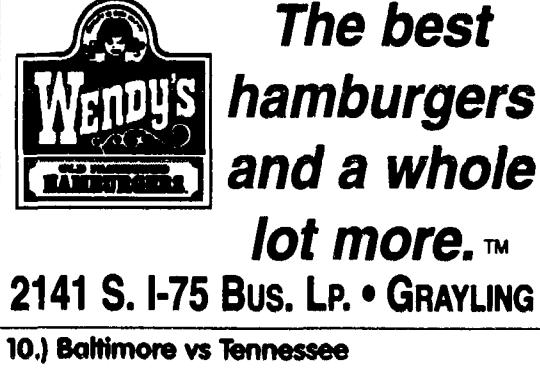


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Validity of helmet law in question

By Mark Drouillard
 Capital News Service

Lansing - Although Michigan's motorcycle helmet law has been successfully challenged in court, state police vow to continue enforcing the requirement.

Laws approved in 1981 are sufficient to require motorcyclists to wear helmets, said 1st Lt. Eric Johnson, commanding officer of traffic services in Lansing.

However, Oakland County attorney Lawrence Katkowsky said he plans to challenge the law in all of Michigan's counties to overturn it. The helmet law says the state police must approve helmets, but because there is no published list, Katkowsky has successfully defended violators of the law.

Prosecutors were not prepared for Katkowsky's defense, said Johnson.

Katkowsky, a member of American Bikers Advancing Toward Education (ABATE), defends members who get tickets

and has been successful in several counties in Michigan, including Delta, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ionia, Oakland and Macomb.

He said he just received the paperwork for a ticket in Monroe County and will file a motion soon.

Earlier this month in Escanaba, a judge ruled that five members of ABATE could not be penalized for failing to wear a helmet. Katkowsky said police in the area will continue to follow the law, and he has threatened the Escanaba, Gladstone and state police departments as well as the Delta County Sheriff's Department with a law suit.

Johnson said prosecutors are preparing to appeal the decision, and people better keep wearing helmets.

According to Michigan's helmet law, riders must wear helmets that are approved by the state police. The law reads: "Crash helmets shall be approved by the Department of State Police. The Department of

State Police shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this section pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969."

Katkowsky said the use of "shall" makes it necessary for the police to put out a list of helmets. "Mandatory is mandatory whether it's a conservative or liberal court. Shall means shall."

Johnson said the law does not state a list must be published, only that state police shall approve those that are acceptable. That was done by referencing the federal standard, he said.

"They've taken a single process and blown it way out of proportion for their own purposes," he said.

In 1981, the state police set testing standards for helmets to be approved, and then began the proceedings to adopt the federal standards in 1988.

Johnson said that the proceedings have resumed and the federal standards will be adopted.

Katkowsky said the proceedings

in 1981 were a farce, and the state police agreed they were improper and withdrew the rule. "The trooper conducting the hearings didn't even know what he was there for, let alone knowing anything about helmets."

He plans to challenge the helmet law in every county, jumpstarting the movement to get it appealed. Eventually, he expects the loophole will be closed.

"In the meantime, these people will ride free," he said. He hopes that after the public realizes what they lost, they'll fight harder to win back their right to choose. He said that many adults dislike having the government telling them what to do with their bodies by enforcing helmet and seatbelt laws.

Johnson expects things to be back to normal once prosecutors get back on track. "We're not too alarmed."

The Attorney General's office said the state police hasn't requested a review of the rules, but if a flaw is found, it will be examined.

Crawford, KCPA get piece of Engler's art grant pie

On September 15 Governor John Engler announced nearly \$21.5 million in arts and cultural funding will reach programs in all 83 Michigan counties, including a combined total of \$35,750 to programs in Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

"Once again, Michigan is leading the way in supporting arts and cultural programming that benefits all our residents throughout the Great

Lakes state," said Engler. "For the last five years, Michigan has been among the top five states for overall support to the arts," the governor said.

"This year's grants further our efforts to enhance the quality of life and cultural well-being of Michigan families by ensuring that quality arts and cultural programming, and services are available to them wherever they live."

All grant applications were evaluated through a peer-panel review process that culminates with the recommendations made to the Arts Council, an agency within the Department of Consumer & Industry Services (CIS).

Awards were based on geographic distribution, diversity, balance among funding programs, offerings to under-served communities, and delivery of quality programming

and services to all Michigan residents.

By adjusting the support given to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), an additional \$1.25 million was made available to other program areas including fully funding the Artists in Schools program and increasing support for Arts and Learning.

There were 10 grant categories in all, from Arts Organization Development Programs to Arts and Cultural Projects for Cities, Townships and Villages to Arts Projects Programs.

Both Crawford AuSable Community Education (CACE) and Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) received grants under the latter category -- \$16,250 to CACE and \$19,500 to KCPA.

Funding can be used for arts producers, presenters and non-arts organizations in all arts disciplines to "advance the creative, cultural and economic environment of the state."

Through CACE, Director R.J. Hannan offers the community the opportunity to attend travelogues, musical and cultural events, as well

as a classic movie series, including some in 3-D.

KCPA's grant will help to finance the 2000 Winter/Spring Performing Arts Series that includes performances of Boots Randolph, The Diamonds, "Cherish the Ladies," "Lazer Vaudeville," Dallas Brass and "When Swing was King."

"The benefits these grants provide extend beyond the programs and services they support to help improve the overall quality of life for Michigan families," said CIS Director Kathleen Wilbur. "When you combine the recent capital outlay support for the arts, recommended by Governor John Engler, together with these grants, Michigan is probably 'No. 1' for total state arts support in the U.S."

These \$21.5 million in grants is for fiscal year 2000 which starts October 1, 1999 and ends September 30, 2000. They also require matching funds from other public and private sources.

Awards ranged from \$2,200 to Berrien County's Lakeland Choral Society, Inc. to \$6,975,000 to Wayne County's Detroit Institute of Arts.

Nearly 3,000 acres to be preserved as wetlands

A \$1 million federal grant and \$2.7 million in federal, state and private matching funds will be used to preserve almost 3,000 acres in the Upper Peninsula and more than a mile of Lake Superior shoreline as wildfowl breeding habitat, Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, said.

The \$1 million grant, authorized under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, has been approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for the U.P. project, which includes land in Chippewa, Houghton, Gogebic, Baraga and Keweenaw counties.

Specifically, the project, known as the Michigan Upper Peninsula Coastal Wetland Project, calls for the purchase, restoration, protection and management of wetlands and associated uplands in the five counties.

About 7,850 linear feet of Lake Superior shoreline are included in the project area.

The project, one of 15 approved by the commission this year, will preserve important sites along the migratory pathway through Michigan, and it will provide essential breeding areas for birds," Stupak said.

"When the project is completed, the majority of the property will be in public ownership providing access for everyone, with the exception of sensitive areas, such as nest-

ing areas."

Stupak said Ducks Unlimited,

which managed the grant application, donated \$42,450 as a match for the federal grant. Other participants and their contributions are:

- The Nature Conservancy - \$1,133,750
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources - \$500,000
- Natural Resources Conservation Service - \$440,250
- Landowners - \$152,000
- Village of L'Anse - \$130,000
- U.S. Forest Service - Ottawa National Forest - \$120,300
- Upper Peninsula Recreation, Conservation & Development - \$96,740
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community - \$39,146
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"The Upper Peninsula shoreline and adjacent wetlands provide key habitat for waterfowl breeding and as a staging area for tens of thousands of migratory birds in the spring and fall," Stupak said.

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Varsity girls win 3, lose 1

► *Viking winning streak ends at three games with loss to Standish Sterling*

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Varsity Girls Basketball Team went up against a fast and aggressive Standish team at home last Thursday. The Vikings lost by 18, as a potent Panther offense scored 70 points on a usually solid GHS defense.

Lori Hinkle scored 12 points for Grayling. Melanie Paxton added 11.

Before the Standish game, Grayling had won three games in a row, all conference match-ups.

On Tuesday, September 28, the Vikings beat Bay City John Glenn at Bay City 56-54. Brandy Ritter led the scoring attack with 15.

The week before, Grayling beat North East Michigan Conference squads from Pinconning and Oscoda.

The Vikings beat Oscoda by 31 points, 67-36. Carrie Cadeau led the scoring with 19.

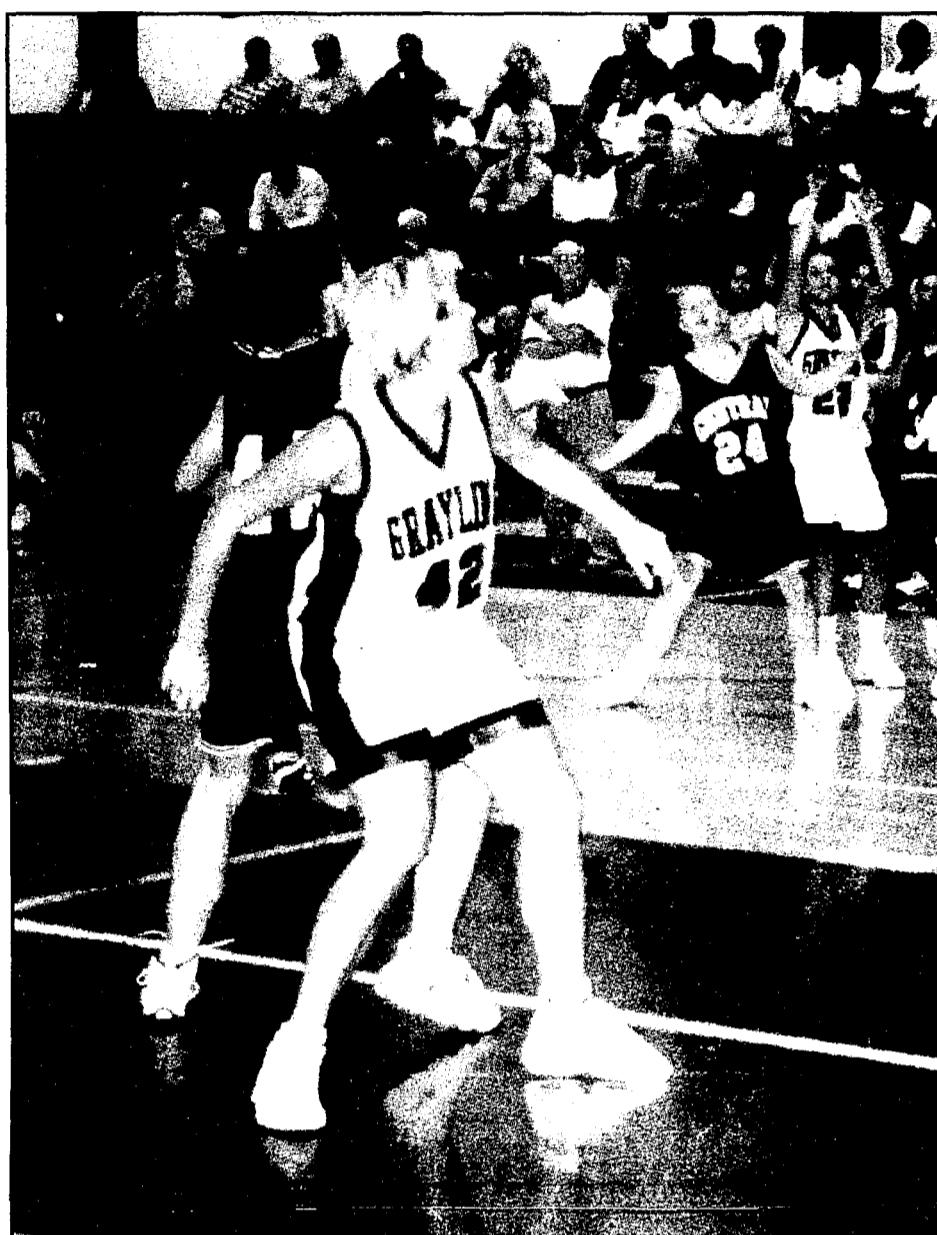
Against Pinconning, Grayling outscored the Spartans 48-30. Cadeau was the top Viking scorer with 12 points. Emily Fox added 10.

Grayling has a 5-3 record so far this season.

"We're going up to the halfway mark, we have three losses. A lot of teams in the state would like to have only three losses, so it's not too disappointing. It's nothing to frown at," said Coach Chris Duncley. "The girls are working hard, if we can get them to work as a team a little more we'll be a lot better."

The varsity squad's next game will be at Roscommon on Thursday, October 7. On Tuesday, October 12, the Vikings will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

(Right) Lori Hinkle boxes out a Standish Sterling opponent in last Thursday's game. Photo by Linda Golnick



JV football team still unbeaten

► *GHS remains undefeated with 35-18 win over Ogemaw Heights*

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The JV football team remains unbeaten at 6-0 after an impressive 35-18 trampling of the West Branch Ogemaw Heights Falcons.

The Vikings started out moving the ball well against the Falcons, with the first offensive possession resulting in a 5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Larry Bayham to tight end Keil Clough. Kicker Tom King added the extra point to make the score 7-0 Vikings.

The second quarter saw the Viking defense bury the Falcons, but two penalties helped Ogemaw keep the ball and eventually score. The two point conversion was stuffed by the Vikings, keeping them ahead 7-6.

Grayling's offense continued to move the ball well, with excellent blocking from the offensive line, and fine running by Nate Haskel. Juell Joseph capped off the drive

with a 1-yard touchdown run. King's extra point was good, putting the Vikings up 14-6.

Ogemaw began to stem the Grayling tide with an impressive offensive possession of their own, which resulted in a touchdown, making the score 14-12 in favor of Grayling.

The Falcons also scored right before the half on 70-yard punt return to give Ogemaw an 18-14 lead going into the locker room.

The final half belonged to Grayling. A long drive and a touchdown of four yards by Haskel put the Vikings up 21-18, and another pass from Bayham to Clough helped the Vikings to a 28-18 advantage.

The final score to put the Falcons away for good came in the fourth quarter, after an interception by Joseph gave the Vikings good field position. Haskel carried in for the score, and King kicked his fifth extra point of the game to seal it at 35-18.

Grayling will be away this week to face the tough Bay City John Glenn Bobcats. The next home game will be held on October 21, against Oscoda.

Cross Country team continues to progress

► *Grayling runners finish second at HL*

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

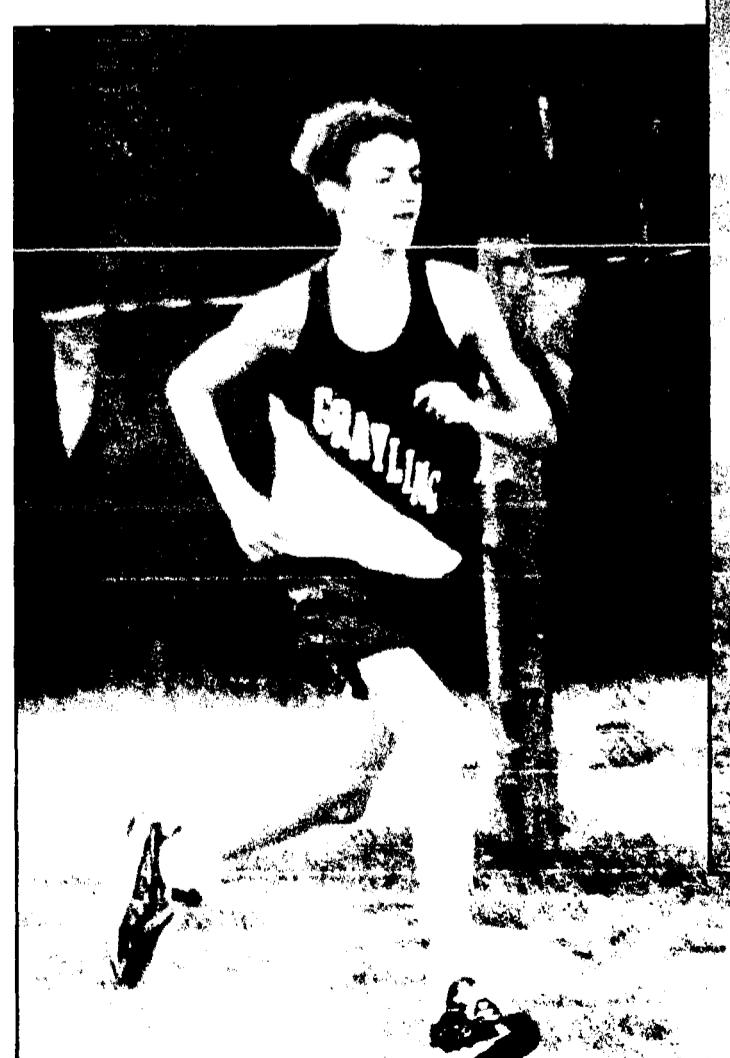
The GHS Cross Country squad doesn't quite have the numbers of athletes that rival teams bring to meets, but the

squad's runners have been placing well, and the team as a whole is improving, said Coach Ron Rakoczy.

"It's been a really fun team to coach, we have some really spirited runners, energetic and enthusiastic. We're halfway through the season, and everybody has been making major improvements," he said. "Our

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(Below, left to right) Bob VanNuck and Matt Evon compete for the Grayling Cross Country Team at a home meet earlier this season



(Left) GHS runner Charlie McNamara runs the dirt trails near Hanson Hills during a meet against Charlevoix. (Above) Senior Cross Country runner Tim Ormsbee heads toward the finish line.

Photos by Linda Golnick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .1936 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1999.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 4.29% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by .18% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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Cross Country team continues to progress

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team is a lot smaller than other schools. When we go up against a team like Gaylord or West Branch, which are really close to being Class A, they have about twice as many runners, and their programs have been around for 20-plus years."

Grayling High School's cross country team is in its fifth year. Numbers are up a little from last year, but comparatively the team is still low on runners.

"The sport is growing in popularity," said Coach Rakoczy. "A lot of colleges and universities have cross country teams now, and offer scholarships. It's a lot like soccer was a few years ago, which has really gained in popularity. We hope to have a strong turn-out next year, as word of mouth spreads -- friend tells a friend -- that kind of thing."

Grayling has seven girls and 10 boys on the team this year, for a total of 17 runners.

As far as team scores go, the GHS squad is finishing in the "mid-

dle of the pack," said Rakoczy.

At the Houghton Lake meet last week, Grayling placed second out of four teams, finishing ahead of Houghton Lake and Harrison but losing to a strong Gaylord team.

The team's most important meet so far this season has been the first of three conference meets. Grayling's boys placed sixth out of nine NEMC teams, and the Viking girls placed seventh.

"That's a major improvement over last year, when we couldn't

even field a girls team," said Rakoczy.

Coach Rakoczy said this season has been enjoyable so far, and expects to see a few of his players competing at the state competition next month.

"Last year we had one girl qualify for state," said Rakoczy. "This year we should have at least a couple runners qualify for state."

The Vikings will host Kalkaska and Houghton Lake on Wednesday, October 13, at Hanson Hills.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM -- (Front row, left to right) Sarah Golnick, Sally Jansen, Monica Shein, Kathy Wyman, Karen Wyman. (Middle row, left to right) Forrest Thompson, Charley McNamara, John McNamara, Jason Gomez, Nate Mueller, Dan Corwin. (Back row, left to right) Coach Ron Rakoczy, Matt Evon, Bob VanNuck, Jason Boreo, Tim Ormsbee, Paul Jansen.

JV basketball team edges Panthers

► Game comes down the wire, GHS wins with exciting finish

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The JV girls basketball team won a close game at home last Thursday, defeating the Standish Sterling Panthers 42-41.

The game was a low-scoring defensive battle, as both teams racked up numerous steals and deflections.

In the first quarter Grayling scored the first six points of the game on shots by Gina Thompson, Michele Elsner, and Emily Henion. Standish scored the next seven to go up one, 7-6.

A bucket by Tracy Parkinson and a breakaway by Thompson rounded out the quarter.

Grayling led 10-7 after one period of play.

The second period was more of

the same, as defense dominated play. Grayling scored another 10 points in the quarter on a long drive by Nicole Larm, five points by Henion (including a three-point play), a shot inside by Alesha Wargo and a free throw by Thompson.

The Vikings had a five point lead at halftime, 20-15.

One of two free throws and a basket inside started the scoring for Standish in the second half, pulling the Panthers within two.

A three-point play by Thompson put Grayling back up by five, but Standish scored the next two buckets to cut the GHS lead to one.

Grayling's offense then started to heat up. A three-pointer by Jamie Dent and a drive by Elsner put Grayling up six.

With 3:52 left in the third, Dent converted on a three-point play opportunity to give the Vikes a seven point lead.

Standish fought back, keeping up with the Grayling offense. GHS edged the Panthers in third period scoring 19-18. The Vikings led by six going into the fourth quarter.

Standish Sterling started the fourth period scoring with a pair of free throws. The Panthers continued to slowly chip away at Grayling's lead, as GHS was unable to score. Turnovers cost the Vikings several possessions, and the offense couldn't put the ball in the hoop.

With 4:03 left in regulation, Standish tied the score at 39-39 with two free throws. Standish hit a bucket with 3:29 left to take its first lead of the game since the opening quarter, 41-39.

At the 2:15 mark, Henion converted one of two from the line to cut the Panther lead to one. Standish got two more free throw opportunities down the stretch, but couldn't convert on either one.

With 19 seconds left and the Panthers still up by one, Dent stole the ball from the Standish ball carrier and passed to Henion, who was fouled.

Henion, shooting a one and one opportunity, hit the first for the tie and the second for the lead, putting GHS up one, 42-41.

On the next Standish possession

Dent stole the ball and was quickly fouled, but missed the first on the resulting one and one free throw chance.

Standish grabbed the rebound, but Grayling recorded another steal. Standish quickly locked onto the ball for a tie-up. The possession arrow pointed in favor of the Panthers.

With five seconds left, Standish had one more chance.

Grayling deflected the Standish in-bounds pass, and Thompson grabbed the loose ball to secure the Vikings win.

Henion's free throws at the 0:19 mark proved to be the game winners, as Grayling won 42-41.

Henion led the Vikings in scoring with 13 points. Dent added 10.

The win put Grayling's record at 7-1 for the season, with the one loss coming at Bay City John Glenn.

On Thursday, October 7, the Vikings will head to Roscommon. Grayling will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Tuesday, October 12, at 6:15 p.m. The game at Roscommon starts at 6 p.m.

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Viking of the Week



Varsity Girls Basketball
Coach: Chris Dunckley
LORI HINKLE

Hinkle did an outstanding job battling opponents down low in games against Standish and Bay City John Glenn last week.

Glen's Market

Viking of the Week



Cross Country
Coach: Ron Rakoczy
PAUL JANSEN & TIM ORMSBEE

Paul and Tim have been consistently pulling in first and second place finishes all season. "They've been a real powerhouse for our boys team," said Coach Rakoczy.

GHS soccer team wins two

► Vikings still in race for NEMC championship

The GHS soccer team won two conference match-ups last week to improve its record to 5-3. This keeps Grayling in third place, with rematches with Oscoda and Tawas coming up next week. Those games will determine who will grab the North East Michigan Conference title.

GHS started the week at home against Pinconning. The Grayling offense blasted 25 shots on goal in the 90-minute contest and the defense only allowed six Pinconning shots.

The GHS scoring was split goals in each half. Kyle Langseth made all the GHS goals. Kane Madsen got two assists and Mike Pappas and Alex Letiouchev each had one.

The GHS offense passed well, maintaining ball control and putting pressure on the Pinconning goal all game. Goalie Dan Mead had six saves.

The game on Wednesday night at Viking Stadium against Ogemaw Heights turned out to be a real

thriller.

The Falcons jumped out to an early lead when Ogemaw tapped a misplayed corner kick into the goal, going up 1-0 at the 16-minute mark. Ogemaw scored again at 27 minutes. The Falcons played a determined first half, much more physical than the previous match-up earlier this season.

Langseth put Grayling on the board with nine minutes to go in the first half when he beat the Falcon goalkeeper on a breakaway. Josh Brannan had the assist on a nicely-placed long ball.

The second half was an excellent example of teamwork and patience by the Viking squad. The GHS defense of Josh Petrie, Brannan, Derek Gregorich and Per Lampinen controlled the Ogemaw attacks and kept their shots to ineffective long-range attempts.

Midfield play by Madsen, Justin Fenn and James Kenney controlled the space and created several scoring opportunities. Josh Jurkovich and Justin Fisette moved to the ball well, played aggressive defense, and made good passes.

Pappas tied the game when the keeper couldn't handle a corner kick, picking off the rebound for a

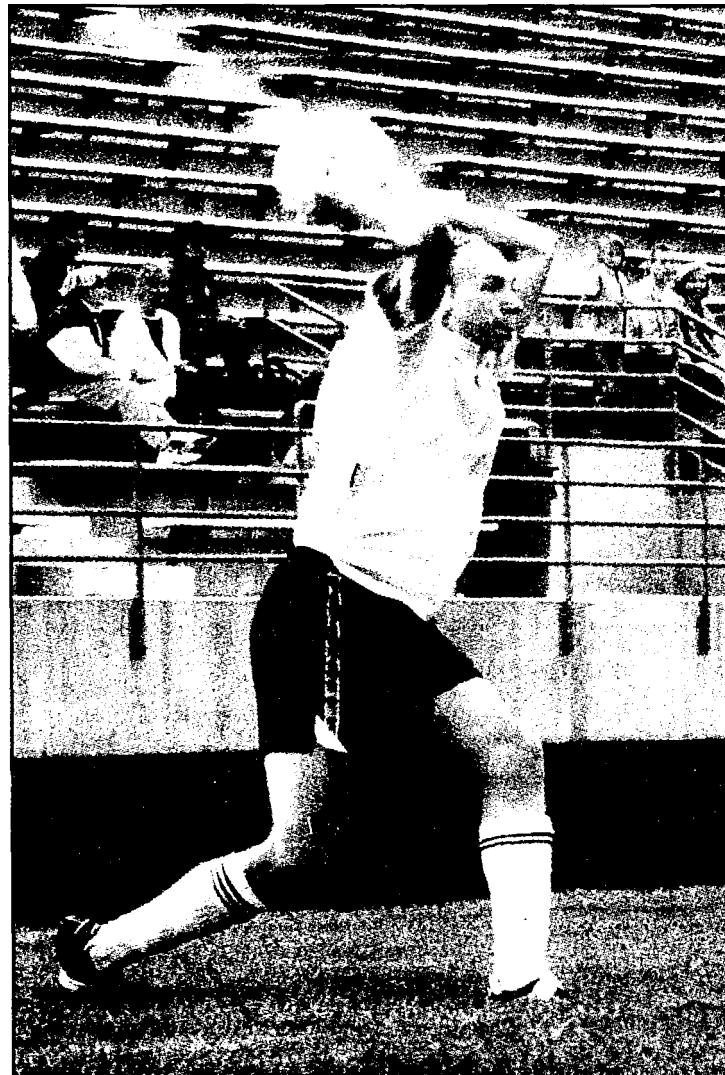
score.

Madsen then sent a perfect long ball past the Ogemaw defense, which Langseth chased down and put in the net, making the score 3-2 in Grayling's favor.

The Falcons scored to tie the game when Mead punted the ball from the corner of the penalty box, which Ogemaw returned in the form of a volley kick from 40 yards out as Mead raced back to the net.

As both teams worked hard for the score, Pappas sent a long ball that Langseth put into the goal with less than five minutes to go. The goal proved to be enough, as the GHS defense held on for the 4-3 win.

Grayling will play at Saginaw Valley on Monday, October 11, and will host Tawas on Wednesday October 13. Both games start at 5 p.m.



Kyle Langseth takes a throw-in for Grayling.

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Varsity Vikings lose to Ogemaw Heights

► GHS to face another tough opponent this week at home

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS Varsity Football Team lost to a strong Ogemaw Heights squad last week, 43-7.

Grayling's only touchdown came on a 99-yard interception return by Brad Wilson.

"That was the highlight of the game," said Coach Rodney Patterson. "But the majority of our kids played hard."

The game was close at halftime, with Ogemaw leading 12-7 after two quarters of play. The Falcons opened it up in the second half, however, as Ogemaw scored 31 unanswered

Hartwick Pines hosts 10th annual Challenge Race

The 10th running of the Hartwick Pines Challenge Race was Saturday, October 2, at Hartwick Pines State Park.

The first overall male finisher was 29-year-old Mike Holek from Grass Lake with a time of 41:08, which is an average of 5:43 minutes per mile. The first overall woman finisher was 15-year-old Chase Edwards of Glen Arbor. Her average time per mile was 7:15.

There were 81 participants in all. The oldest runner was 71-year-old Paul Jackson of Charlevoix and the youngest runner was 12-year-old

Cassidy Edwards of Glen Arbor.

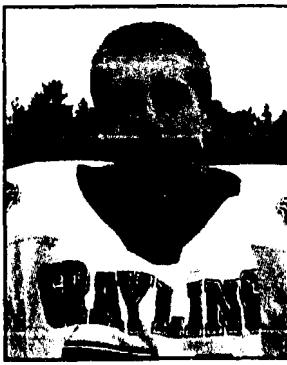
Several local runners finished the race.

The race's 7.2 mile course is located on the weary legs ski and bike trail. The brilliant fall colors added an attraction for the runners and kept their minds off the hills at the end. The course is 90 percent hard-packed surface with some sand.

The Hartwick Pines Challenge Race is organized by the Grayling Kiwanis Club, with the proceeds benefitting the youth of the community.

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Viking of the Week

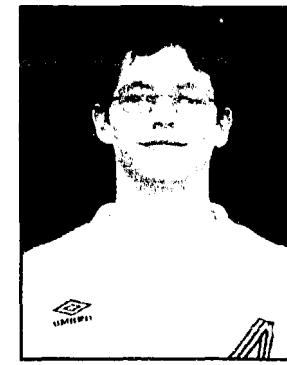


Varsity Football
Coach: Rodney Patterson
RAY TRUDGEON

Trudgeon, a senior and the team's center, was selected for putting in a consistent effort week in and week out.

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Viking of the Week



Boys Soccer
Coach: Karen Langseth
JOSH BRANNAN

Josh had an assist in the Ogemaw Heights game and has been playing great defense.

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F2 Redskins lose to Giants, beat Lions

► After first loss of
season, Grayling
rebounds with win
at Homecoming

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Freshmen 2" Redskins team lost its first game of the season two weeks ago after winning its first three games of the year.

Playing in Pinconning, the Redskins lost to the Gladwin Giants 18-0 on Saturday, September 25.

"We ran into a good team in Gladwin," said Coach Jeff Parkinson. "They had good pursuit on the ball both when we ran and when we passed. We were down 6-0 at halftime, and in the second half we just couldn't get started."

"Our defense kept us in the game, but we did have three plays that they beat us on for their TD's. The kids didn't give up, we just met a better team," said Coach Parkinson. "It was our first loss, but I'm sure the kids will come right back next week."

Come back they did. On Sunday, October 3, the Redskins blanked the Standish Lions 14-0 at the team's Homecoming game.

"Coming off our loss last week the kids stepped up and did a great job," said Parkinson.

On offense, Joe Bancroft rushed for 77 yards and ran in one extra point. Reagan Schmidt ran for 67 yards and one touchdown. Zac Baker rushed for 54 yards, includ-

ing a touchdown. Robert Starks had one catch for 29 yards, and Kris Curtis gained 20 yards.

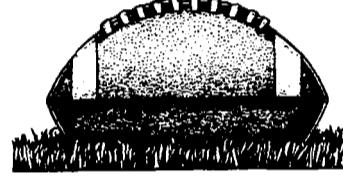
"Our offense played great," said Coach Parkinson. "We played them even to the half (0-0) then we came out with some hard hitting football and made some holes to run through, putting us in good field position."

"Baker had a QB sneak for our first score," continued Parkinson. "Then again in good field position, we ran outside and Reagan Schmidt scored our second TD."

"Our defense kicked in all game and did a great job stopping Standish," said Parkinson. "Robert Starks led our defense with some great tackles and some key stops to their offense. Kevin Eckins and Matt Larson plugged up the middle for us. Our defense has been there all year. Some of our first year kids have stepped right in also -- Kody Curtis, Brad Bindschatel, Michael Barr, Nick Harris, Andrew Hart, and Tim Hatley have all filled key positions and did a great job."

The team is now 4-1 overall.

The F2 team plays at Pinconning against Mio next week, and will return to Redskin Field the following week for the final game of the season. The Redskins will take on Jo-burg at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 17.



Gladwin Giants stop Grayling's unbeaten season

► Redskins F1
team loses first of
the season on
Sunday, 12-0

held the offenses to minimum yards. The Redskins lost the punting game as the Giants kicks drove Grayling deep into their own territory to begin offensive drives.

Grayling had the Giants stopped late in the third quarter when a roughing the kicker penalty gave Gladwin new life.

Two plays later, the Giants punched in their second touchdown, but missed the extra point, to take a 12-0 lead.

Grayling kept possession of the ball for most of the remainder of the game, despite an Alan Lehman pass interception. Robert Feutz recovered a Gladwin fumble on the very next play to keep the Redskin drive alive.

Overall, the Giants offense edged the Redskins by gaining 153 yards to Grayling's 125. Lehman connected two nice passes to J.C. Schneider for a total of 16 yards. Joel Wilson ran for 84 yards in 24 attempts.

Neil Cook gained 15 yards in seven attempts, and Patrick Belcher gained seven yards on three attempts.

On defense, Wilson had four tackles and four assists.

The F1 team's next game will be played on Saturday, October 9, in Pinconning versus Oscoda at 10 a.m.

Mercy Health Services North-Grayling Annual Employee Awards Banquet

"The Stars" of Mercy Health Services North-Grayling were honored Wednesday, September 15, during the annual Employee Awards Banquet. We thank you for your hard work and dedication to our health care system.



30 Years of Service: Linda Welch
Not Pictured: Janet SanCartier



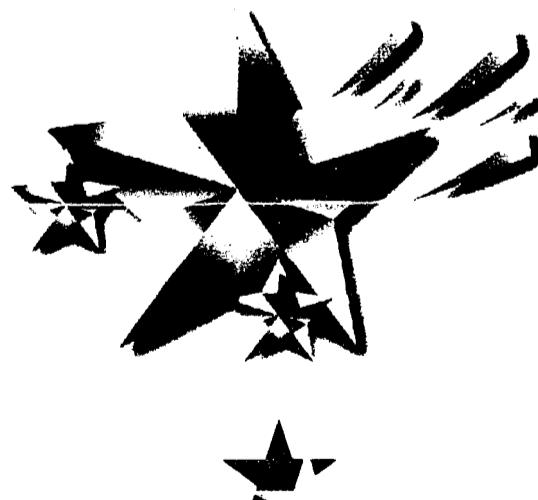
25 Years of Service: Pictured from left to right: Ruth Sherbert, Kathleen Parkinson, Cathy Noack
Not Pictured: Cheryl McCarver, John Schornack



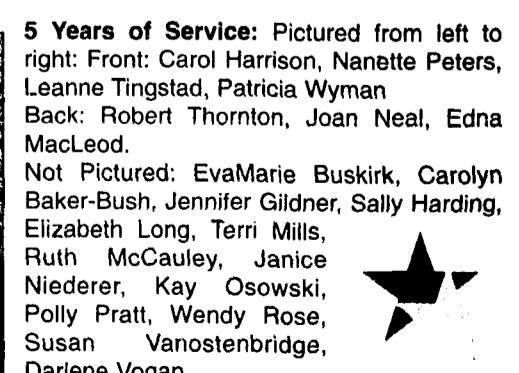
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15 Years of Service: Pictured from left to right: Beverly Andrus, Gail Stahl, Sharon Klinger



10 Years of Service: Pictured from left to right:
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Not Pictured: Cheryl Harding, Gerelle Huber, Karen Lupo



5 Years of Service: Pictured from left to right:
Front: Carol Harrison, Nanette Peters, Leanne Tingstad, Patricia Wyman
Back: Robert Thornton, Joan Neal, Edna MacLeod
Not Pictured: EvaMarie Buskirk, Carolyn Baker-Bush, Jennifer Gildner, Sally Harding, Elizabeth Long, Terri Mills, Ruth McCauley, Janice Niederer, Kay Osowski, Polly Pratt, Wendy Rose, Susan Vanostenbridge, Darlene Vogan



7th graders edged by HL

**Vikings hold
'Cats scoreless in
2nd half, but lose
game by one point**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team lost by one point last week to Houghton Lake, despite holding the Bobcat offense scoreless for the entire second half.

"The girls played awesome defense," said Coach Craig Hofman. "Houghton Lake scored 12 points in the first half off several lucky shots that bounced the right way. The Viking defense shut out HL in the second half."

"It was very exciting to watch them play so well," continued Hofman. "Offensively we had slip-

pery hands -- we just could not get some breaks. We had opportunities to take the lead but did not capitalize."

Ellie Curriston and Jenny VanNuck each scored four points for Grayling. Hannah Hall added three.

"Ellie came out and played her best game yet. Jenny did a great defensive job, with at least 10 tie-ups and even more steals," said Hofman. "Samantha Palmer was the leader on defense. (She did) an awesome job of pressuring the ball. Nikki Lynch did a great job on defense, forcing many bad passes.

Rachel Greenway and Kelly Rogers continue to improve and work hard."

On Monday, September 27, the 7th grade girls team lost to Gaylord by 10 points, 30-20.

"We came out flat, especially on defense. The 'Monday Blues' hit us hard," said Coach Hofman. "We

were down 10-2 at the end of the first quarter, but the girls did a great job in the second half. We only gave up 10 points in the second half, but we could not come back from a 20-10 deficit at halftime."

"We need to focus better," continued Hofman. "This game was a duplicate of Roscommon. We had a slow start, but against a good shooting Gaylord team we could not come back."

Hannah Hall led the Grayling scoring with 10 points. Jenny VanNuck added six points.

"Rachel Greenway and Nikki Lynch both played hard," said Hofman. "Ellie Curriston did a nice job coming back after a foot injury, as well as Carolyn Dobry, but you can see that the missed practices affected them."

The Grayling girls will host Gaylord on Monday, October 18, at 5 p.m.

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Standings

Red Barn I	18 - 0
Plaza	11 - 7
Frederic Inn	9 - 9
Gray Rock	9 - 9
Legion	9 - 9
Saw Mill	9 - 9
Red Barn II	7 - 11
Frogsies	0 - 18

8 Ball on Break - Stan of Gray Rock; 8 Ball Run - Chris of Plaza; 7 Ball Run - Jim of Red Barn II; Bill of Frederic Inn; Jim of Legion
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Women's Standings

Spikes	20
Sawmill II	19
Frederic Inn	17
Sawmill I	17
Swamp	9
Legion	14
Plaza	12

Won all 6 games: Patsey P. and Barb M. of Sawmill II; 5 Ball Run: Pat of Swamp; Beth A. of Legion



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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 30th day of August, 1999 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Terry McGregor, City Treasurer, Kay Eilee King, Steve Doyle, Karl Schreiner, Michele Butzin, Bob Butzin, Caleb Casey, Monte Burmeister, Dennis Palmer, Dave Wyman, Bob Bovee, Fay Bovee, Roger Moshier.

99-88 Moved by Golnick, supported by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of August 9, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing: None

Communications were received and noted.

a. Compensation Commission Minutes of 8/16/99. Ms. Palmer asked about gas mileage and per diem for meetings she attended. She said no one told her about this and she wondered why. Mr. Morford noted that all council members had received the November 29, 1997 Compensation Commission Minutes which contained the requested data. He stated that not all council members have chosen to accept said payments but that they are made to any who file the vouchers after said meetings.

b. Housing Commission Minutes of 7/13/99. Mr. Ruddy stated that HUD gave the Housing Commission a high recommendation of 97%.

c. Crawford County regarding Animal Control.

d. M.M.L. Liability Pool Premium.

e. NEMCOG Membership.

Old Business.

a. City Commission Appointments.

99-89 Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy to re-appoint John Dobry to the Housing Commission for five years, term to expire 2005, to re-appoint John Cherven to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years, term to expire 2003 and to re-appoint Joe Murphy to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years, term to expire 2003. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Community Improvement Authority.

Ms. Palmer asked about City Attorney input.

Ms. Palmer asked about grants, who will be able to write grants. Ms. Palmer asked about #5 in the draft. If project is coming up, using services as necessary. She also asked if CIA can request bonding. Mayor Stevens said city would be used to sell and service bonds if approved by Council.

99-90 Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy to adopt a Community Improvement Authority as amended to read (see below). Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Golnick, Palmer, Ruddy, Stevens. Nays: None, Absent: None, motion carried.

Mayor Stevens asked for the City Manager to come to the next meeting with recommended board members for the CIA. We need nine members and the City Council will need to confirm members before the board can begin to function. Mr. Stevens stated that if Council Members have suggested members they should advise Mr. Morford as soon as possible.

c. Cemetery Discussion. Mr. Morford stated that he has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 2 with Terry Wright, Sexton Steve Doyle and the City Manager have met with officials at Camp Lehman and hopefully will meet again to resolve camp crew issues. We have also contacted contractors to see about cemetery mowing, these contractor will submit bids for the 2000 program.

New Business.

a. Chamber of Commerce Dues Invoice.

99-91 Moved by Palmer, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford Reports of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the Council regarding the by-laws of the Chamber. He stated that this is why a letter was sent removing City Manager Morford from his ex-officio position. He said that the chamber wants someone from the city to participate.

Mr. Stevens asked why city should pay dues to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Burmeister stated the overall goals of the chamber. Said they need contributions to continue to promote the area.

Ms. Palmer thinks the amount is minimal and this is how the chamber keeps going. Mr. Ruddy asked about how long the city has been paying dues to the chamber. Mr. Morford noted it has been a long time. There is no lease with the chamber at this time for the building in city park. The chamber board meets in the city council chambers and the city furnishes coffee for the meetings at no cost to the chamber. Ms. Palmer stated that chamber board meetings should have been attended or Mr. Morford should have sent someone in his place.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Brown to pay the Chamber Dues for the year 2000. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports of City Manager: None.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Stevens asked a question about vehicle signs "NO MILITARY VEHICLES." Looks terrible. Mr. Morford stated that Camp Grayling along with the city placed the signs as a joint project to prevent problems with convoys and trucks on Lake Street many years ago. The signs were placed when MATES was moved and traffic between the Main Camp and MATES increased greatly.

Adjournment.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

Adopted Copy 8/30/99

Community Improvement Authority

The purpose of the Community Improvement Authority is to act as a committee to receive requests and suggestions for improvement to the City of Grayling; to screen and evaluate the requests and suggestions for improvements received from any group or individual; to receive an annual allocation of funds from the City of Grayling for its Budget; to spend as much of the Community Improvement Authority's Budget as it deems necessary and appropriate to complete the requested and/or suggested improvements.

The C.I.A. may recommend to council actions such as property purchases, sales and condemnations and shall outline and detail the purpose of such recommendations.

Board Members

1. The Community Improvement Authority shall be directed and governed by a board consisting of nine persons who shall be electors and/or property owners of the City of Grayling.

2. The members shall be appointed by the Grayling City Manager and confirmed by majority vote of the Grayling City Council. Initially, the members shall be appointed in staggered terms, i.e. three members appointed for a one-year term, three members appointed for a two-year term, and three members appointed for a three-year term. Thereafter, the members shall be appointed for three-year terms.

3. The Grayling City Manager shall act as a non-voting ex-officio member.

4. A Board member may only be removed if the board adopts a resolution to remove a member after a hearing conducted subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267 of Public Acts of 1976). A two-thirds vote of the full board will be required for removal.

5. The Board may select and employ other employees and contract for services as are considered necessary to effectuate its pur-

pose.

Quorum - Vote - Interest

A quorum of five persons will be necessary to transact business and a majority of the members present at a legally constituted meeting will be necessary to adopt any resolution unless otherwise herein stated. A member of the board shall not vote on an issue in which the member has a substantial interest.

Meetings

At its first meeting, the board, by resolution, shall establish the times for holding regular meetings. Business which the board may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976) being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The board shall also elect at chairman and vice chairman and any other officers deemed necessary for efficient operation of the board. The board may hold other meetings at the call of the chairperson. The chairperson shall also call a meeting upon written request of three members of the board.

Public notice of the time, date, and place of meetings shall be given in the manner required by the Open Meetings Act and the chairperson shall give three days' personal or written notice of the time and place of the meetings to the members. A member of the board may file a written waiver of notice and consent to a board meeting.

The board shall cause to be kept a written or printed record of each meeting, which record and any other writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the board in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976), being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The board shall annually develop a budget to be presented to the Grayling City Council as part of the City Managers recommended budget for the next year. The board may recommend improvement projects, the cost of which would exceed the board's current budget and/or budget requests which would include long range, multi-year or large scale projects for the city council's consideration for special funding.

The board may appoint an executive committee consisting of three members of the board and the city manager acting ex officio. The executive committee shall review, screen and advise the board regarding requested or suggested improvements to the city and the board will thereafter evaluate the improvements based upon the executive committee's recommendation and information from any other source it believes to be reliable. The whole board shall thereafter reject or implement the requested or suggested improvement.

The C.I.A. may recommend to council actions such as property purchases, sales and condemnations and shall outline and detail the purpose of such recommendations.

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 13th day of September, 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Terry McGregor, City Treasurer, Karl Schreiner, Michele Butzin, Bob Butzin, Dennis Palmer, Dave Wyman, Kathy Bourie and Grayling High student. 99.93

Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of August 30, 1999 approved as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing: None

Communications were received and noted. a. Comparative Balance Sheet July 1999. Ms. Brown questioned significant difference in income tax General Ledger line items. Ms. McGregor explained that income tax funds were combined to yield higher rate.

b. Fire Dept. Report August 1999.

c. Police Dept. Report August 1999.

d. Appointment to City Compensation Commission. City Manager Morford advised Council had two years to fill vacancy created by resignation of Larry McNamara.

New Business:

a. Consideration of proposed appointments to the CIA. Mr. Morford distributed memo recommending the following names for nomination to the authority: Kathy Bourie, Jeffery Emmons, Joseph Wakeley.

NOTICE TO SNOW PLOW BIDDERS

South Branch Township will be accepting bids for the 1999-2000 snowplow season. Front-end loader if necessary, snowplowing of three (3) inches or more and sanding for all South Branch Township properties. To include the following: Fire Hall, Township Hall, Chapel and North and/or South Transfer Station(s), to be done by 8:00 a.m. Sealed bids marked "Snow Removal Bid" must be received at the Township office, 5245 N. M-18, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653, no later than NOON October 12, 1999.

Bidders must provide liability insurance and proof of Workmen's Compensation.

South Branch Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

Laura Smith, Clerk
South Branch Township

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during their regular meeting), on Thursday, October 14, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI, 49738, for the following quantities of cutting edges:

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The Board reserves the right to add or delete quantities, to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informality in bidding and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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GRAYLING YOUTH SOCCER

Grayling youth soccer, coached by Steve Langseth, played four games on the weekend of September 25. Despite all efforts, the games were all losses ... but not without a fight.

Saturday's first game against West Branch finished out with a 4 - 1 score. Attempts at goals were made by Travis Hatfield and Tom Failing. Grayling's only goal in the game was scored by Brandon Pratt. Alex Sendek suffered an injury in the third quarter of the game, leaving him out of play for the rest of the weekend.

Game two on Saturday against Tawas ended in a score of 4 - 0. An attempt at a goal was made by Tony English. Defenders Ben Crawford, Travis Hatfield and Matt Seager played hard through the game.

Sunday's first game against Gaylord was closed out with a 2 - 0 score. Grayling played an impressive game. Several saves were made by goalie Jon Handy in the first three quarters of the game, then Travis

Hatfield finished the game as the goalie with a few more great saves. Defensive men Kyle Trudgeon and Brandon Burwick worked hard trying to keep the ball away from the goal. Brandon Pratt made three attempts at goals through the course of the game. Eric Olson and Anthony Neal had a few good runs with the ball, displaying some fancy footwork along with Joe Bourrie and Tony English through-out the game.

The final game of the weekend against Fairview started out strong with Grayling's Brandon Pratt scoring early in the first quarter, but ended with a losing score of 6 - 1.



Reports of Council Members

a. Ms. Palmer questioned the progress of replacement of the Police Chief. Mr. Morford informed her that Karl Schreiner had been appointed Police Chief.

b. Ms. Palmer questioned why we did not advertise the delay in garbage pickup after the Labor Day holiday. Mr. Stevens explained the policy has been in effect ever since the contract was taken by City Environmental. Golnick added that City Environmental had always advertised any changes on their own, but since Waste Management took over they have not done so.

c. Palmer questioned Mr. Morford about replacing the D.P.W. vehicle with the large dent in the box of the truck. Mr. Morford explained the timing for state purchasing was wrong last year and that the D.P.W. supervisor was in possession of the state purchasing list for this year.

d. Mayor Stevens commended the City Police and the City D.P.W. for the professional and efficient manner in which they handled a broken tree and down power lines near his home. He requested they be complimented in writing.

99.97 Moved by Stevens supported by Brown to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Roll call: Ayes: Brown, Golnick, Palmer, Ruddy, Stevens. Nays: none, motion carried. Time noted 7:45 p.m. 99.95

Moved by Stevens supported by Brown to adjourn executive session and reconvene regular meeting. Ayes 5. Nays none. Time noted 8:45 p.m.

99.96 Moved by Stevens supported by Ruddy to extend the deadline for submitting applications for the position of City Manager to October 29, 1999 and to advertise in the Michigan Municipal League magazine and in the local papers. Ayes 5. Nays none.

Citizens who wish to speak:

a. Michelle Butzin would like to submit her name for nomination for appointment to the CIA.

Reports of City Manager

a. Mr. Morford announced the six candidates for City Council election to be held November 2, 1999.

b. Mr. Morford noted a meeting with Mr. Wright. Ms. Ashton and Steve Doyle took place to discuss the problem with the cemetery. Grayling Township will return with a more detailed description of suggestions.

c. Mr. Morford advised Council that he had sent a letter to the Chamber of Commerce regarding City representation on the board. Ms. Palmer asked to read the letter. Mr. Morford passed the letter out for review.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes 5. Nays None. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager

99.97

Moved by Stevens supported by Brown to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes 5. Nays None. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

99.97

Motion by Mobarak and seconded to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. Motion by Mobarak and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Supervisor reported he has attended a regional recycling meeting and that the pic-

nics was a success.

The Planning Commission will look at two issues at the regular meeting October 5, 1999. 1) Proposed PUD by Julie Lane and 2) a public hearing at 8 p.m. regarding the special use permit for Glancy, Inc., for sand and gravel extraction on W. 7 Mile Road.

Sixteen pieces of correspondence were accepted.

Old Business:

1. Supervisor will put ads in newspapers for bids on construction of new township office building. Deadline will be October 11 and bids will be opened at the meeting.

2. Discussion regarding transfer site/recycling program. We have had complaints on not knowing where to put items, and questions on recycling. The recycling container is being used to save space in green bags; items are not really being recycled. Summers suggested that he and supervisor organize so people know where to put things and get in and out of site quickly.

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes to charge \$50 for a special meeting of the planning commission if there are no publication charges and \$100 if publication is necessary. Seconded and carried.

2. Motion by Balmes to authorize updating of Treasurer and Assessor programs from BS&A software in the amount of \$2,672 from their quote. Seconded and carried.

3. Motion by Riley to pay pension monthly instead of yearly. Seconded and carried.

4. Motion by Balmes to change "Community Center Policy" that states there

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 13 with the centerline of Old M-93, thence North 45°36'30" East (along said road centerline).

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WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Harold Mills and Katherine L. Mills, husband and wife, of 7086 Batterson Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern,

88 feet; thence Northwesterly, 388.0 feet; thence Southerly, 336.2 feet; thence North 89°47'30" East (along the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 13), 200 feet to the Point of Beginning. (Also commonly known as 6304 W. Old Lake Road, Grayling, Michigan 49507, dated May 26, 1999, and recorded on June 22, 1999, in Liber 484, Page 352, of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Sixty Six Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$37,066.17) and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on November 3, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell at the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

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which has an address of 7086 Batterson Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

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Kotrash, 628; B. Hurd, 576.	

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Redskins Field sign fixed, with help

With funds donated by the Grayling Generating Station, the scoreboard at Redskins Field was repaired and repainted for the 1999 football season. (Right) Buster Peters, Dan Nally, Verna Meharg, Russ Strohpaul and Bud Morgan, representatives of the Generating Station and Redskins football, gather to work on the Redskins scoreboard. Also pictured: Pepper the dog.



Customers may soon choose electric supplier

Electric customer choice is achieving strong support in Michigan with independent suppliers and retailers submitting power capacity bids at three times the level allotted for the first block in Consumers Energy's statewide program, pursuant to the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) restructuring orders.

Consumers Energy announced last month that it would voluntarily comply with the MPSC orders after the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that restructuring could not be mandated. The Company believes that the MPSC orders appropriately balance customer and utility interests.

including providing for full recovery of stranded costs.

According to MPSC officials, potential suppliers submitted bids totaling more than three times the first block of 150 MW of capacity, which represents 2.5 percent of Consumers Energy's electric load.

The winning bids will be listed on Consumers Energy's website on September 30. The website's address is: consumersenergy.com.

Four additional 150 MW blocks will be set out for bids later in 1999 and in 2000. By January 1, 2002, all 1.6 million of Consumers Energy's electric customers will have an opportunity to choose their

electric supplier.

"This exceptional response by potential suppliers clearly demonstrates that a competitive electric market in Michigan is now emerging and will be successful," said Consumers Energy's Chairman William T. McCormick, Jr.

"It is a credit to those who have strongly promoted electric choice - chiefly Governor Engler, the MPSC, the State's major utilities, numerous legislators, large commercial and industrial customers, and the state's independent power marketers - that this program has gotten off to such a promising start," said McCormick.

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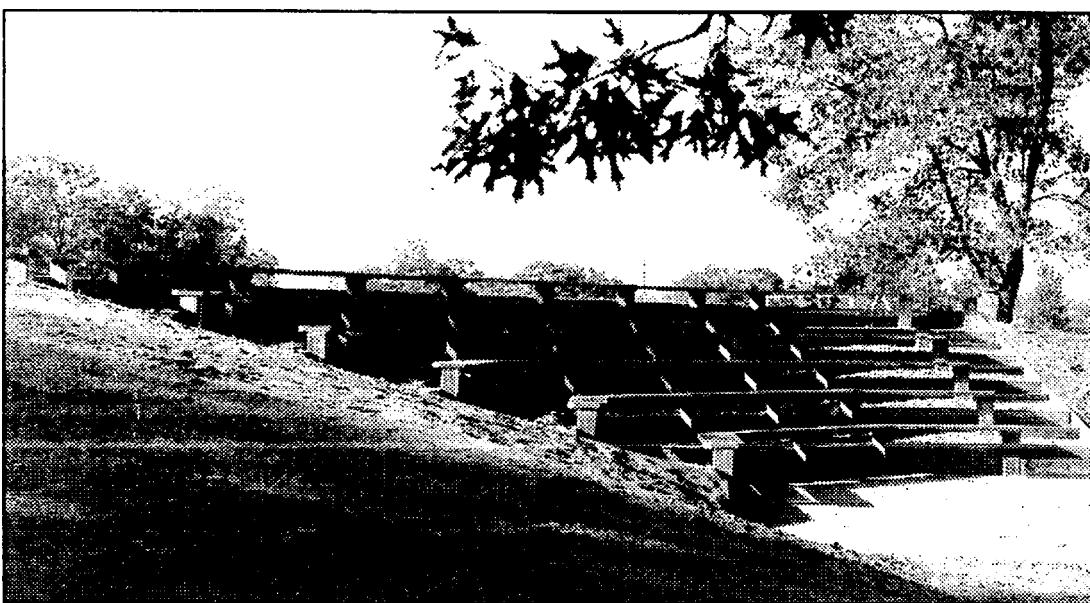


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OUTDOOR CLASSROOM - This newly completed amphitheater behind the AuSable Primary School is just Phase I of a three-phase plan to integrate AuSable River history and resources into the curriculum of the Crawford AuSable School District. A Weyerhaeuser Foundation grant paid for the \$3,000 outdoor classroom that seats up to two elementary school classes. Phases II and III will possibly include an ADA accessible observation platform and floating walkway, as well as a connection to an area DNR trail system. The AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools are the only schools located on the AuSable River.

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Stores get ready for Christmas Walk '99

Local businesses are beginning the preparations for Christmas Walk 1999, sponsored by the Grayling Uptown District Association. With the theme, "Lighting the Way Back Home to the Heart of Christmas," the Christmas Walk will be held Saturday, November 20, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Participating local businesses will feature goods and services especially for holiday sales.

Also featured are a host of holiday activities that will excite the young-at-heart.

White lights, candles and luminaries to warm the cool night air, holiday treats to warm the tummy and carolers lightening the heart of all.

A community-wide event, activities will include the participation from Michelson Memorial Church, Grayling Promotional Association, Habitat for Humanity, Grayling Junior Miss and a variety of individual volunteers interested in supporting local businesses.

For those businesses lying beyond the downtown area, a trolley will offer free rides for customer's convenience.

If you have a business and would like to know more about Christmas Walk 1999, call the Grayling Chamber at 348-2921 by October 15.

\$3,000 awarded to Crawford Help Center

Customers of Great Lakes Energy Cooperative recently donated \$3,000 to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center toward the purchase of food for needy families in Crawford County.

The \$3,000 grant awarded by the Great Lakes Energy People Fund Board of Directors represents another investment in supporting local charitable causes within Great Lakes Energy's service area that includes 24 Michigan counties stretching from the Mackinac Straits to Kalamazoo.

The People Fund is part of Operation RoundUp, a voluntary charitable contribution program sponsored by GLE customers. Participating customers' monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next highest dollar with the extra few cents going into the program's People Fund.

The People Fund is administered by a volunteer board of directors separate from the co-op's board, and funds are distributed to charitable organizations throughout GLE's service territory.

So far this year, \$53,000 in grants have been awarded to nine charities in the northern section of GLE's service territory that includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego, Kalkaska, Crawford and Emmet counties.

All Operation RoundUp money collected from GLE customers is

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PACKING UP — Volunteers Al and Valerie Johnston with the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center pack bags of food to be distributed to needy families in the county. The Center recently was awarded a \$3,000 Great Lakes Energy People Fund grant.



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For The Week Of October 10-16

Aries
March 21-April 20

Keep caught up on projects. Letting little things slide means they will grow into big problems. A friend or colleague is irritating, but it's not intentional. A friend or relative says just the right thing at the right time.

Taurus
April 21-May 21

Pay attention to your instincts. A career decision may need to be made sooner than you expected. You may have some opposition, but don't get caught up in trying to get even. Your inner strength surfaces. Take time for friends and family.

Gemini
May 22-June 21

You'll get a chance to be creative. Taking the extra time to do the job right the first time pays off. Be aware that other people's feelings and plans must be considered. Brush off small disappointments and be patient. Take time for travel or an evening out.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

A close friend or relative seeks advice and guidance from you. Be receptive and diplomatic. People in authority will be impressed by your actions. Problems could be brewing at work and home. Be aware and take precautions.

Leo
July 23-August 23

Now could be the right time to mix business with pleasure. A colleague's plans may include you, so be aware of what's happening behind the scenes. Discuss things with a close friend or relative. They will be there when you need them.

Virgo
August 24-September 22

Take time off by yourself and get your thoughts in order. You'll get new insights into yourself and others. A friend or colleague may feel like fighting, but don't get drawn into a battle. Keep an eye on finances and budgets. A friend's problems cause concern.

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
October 7, 1976

An organizational meeting of the non-profit Grayling Recreational Authority was held September 24. Committees were appointed to establish by-laws, rate schedules, promotion and operating funds so Hanson Hill Park (formerly Bear Mountain) will be ready for operation when the ski season is here. The Authority consists of Fraser Dean and James Duley from ACSD, Derek McFerrers and Joseph Stripe from Grayling, Bernard Fowler and Elizabeth Wieland from Grayling Township, with a member at large to be appointed. Fraser Dean was elected chairman. Elizabeth Wieland, secretary and Joseph Stripe, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Broadbent celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have been residents for 44 years.

Mrs. Loretta Barnes of Grayling, Mrs. Esther McCredie of Roscommon and Mrs. Alice Golnick of Bay City had a reunion Tuesday through Thursday this week. They were the entire graduating class from Roscommon High School in 1913.

Mrs. Rosa Christenson who turned 90 on September 23 was honored at an open house held Sunday afternoon, October 3 at the home of her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovce. Rosa is the last surviving child of Crawford pioneers Hugo and Agnes Schreiber who homesteaded here in 1879. The family home still stands on the North Down River Road in what was once Sigsbee.

Gordon Pond retired from the Crawford County Road Commission on September 24th after 22 1/2 years. He was a truck driver and maintenance worker. A party was held on his final day of work in celebration of the occasion.

A party was also held at his home - this one celebrating his birthday.

At the annual Booster Club party Jim Bendig and Jim Auman, the club's two past presidents were recognized. Through efforts of Jim and Dick the Grayling Booster Club was born, survived its infancy and now has over 640 members working together for the youth in Crawford County. Irv McIsaac was given the president's gavel at the banquet. He also has been responsible for a great deal of the success of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Marshall returned home Friday after enjoying a two month vacation in Northwest Canada and Alaska. Returning home, they traveled through the Northern States.

The kindergartners of the Grayling Elementary School have an added new experience this year. For the first time the children have the pleasure of checking books out of the school library and taking them back to the room. In a few weeks, the children will have the opportunity to take the books home.

46 Years Ago
October 8, 1953

The Michelson Memorial United Church has received the gift of a piano and some furniture from the George Mason family.

Roy Trudgeon returned on Thursday from his hunting and fishing trip to Wyoming and reports having bagged a 450 lb. elk.

Miss Jean Lovely is home from the Nazareth School of Nursing, Kalamazoo, to be here for the rest of the week. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovely, drove over Tuesday to accompany her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davies and children of Birmingham spent the weekend here coming to spend some time clearing their land at Lake Margrethe.

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RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Cherry Almond Oatmeal Cake

1 (8 oz.) container cherry yogurt

1/2 cup granulated sugar

4 egg whites or 2 eggs

3 tbsp. margarine, melted

1 tsp. vanilla

1/2 tsp. almond extract

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour

1 cup quaker oats

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2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. salt

1 cup cherry pie filling

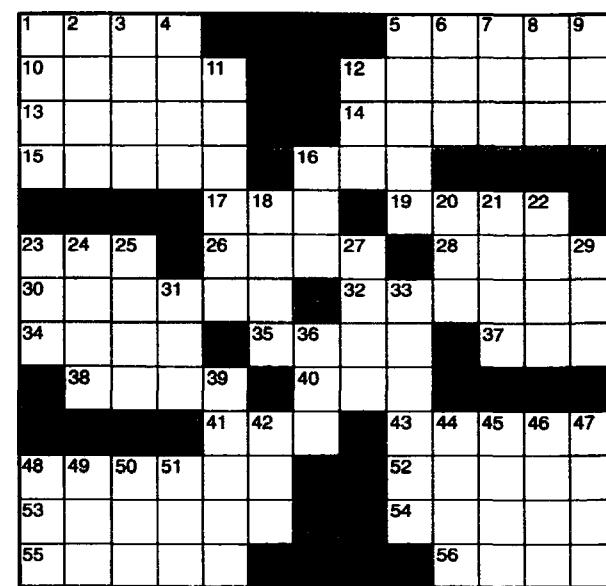
Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray 8-inch square baking pan or 9-inch heart shaped pan (2

inches deep) with cooking spray. For topping, combine 1/4 cup quaker oats, 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour and 2 tbsp. packed brown sugar; mix well. Cut in 1 tbsp. margarine with two knives until crumbly; stir in 1/4 cup sliced almonds. For cake, stir together first six ingredients in large bowl until blended. Add combined dry ingredients; stir just until moistened. (Do not overmix.) Spread half of batter in pan. Drop 1/2 cup pie filling in small spoonfuls over batter. Top with remaining batter. Drop spoonfuls of remaining pie filling over batter; sprinkle with topping. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Serve warm. 12 servings



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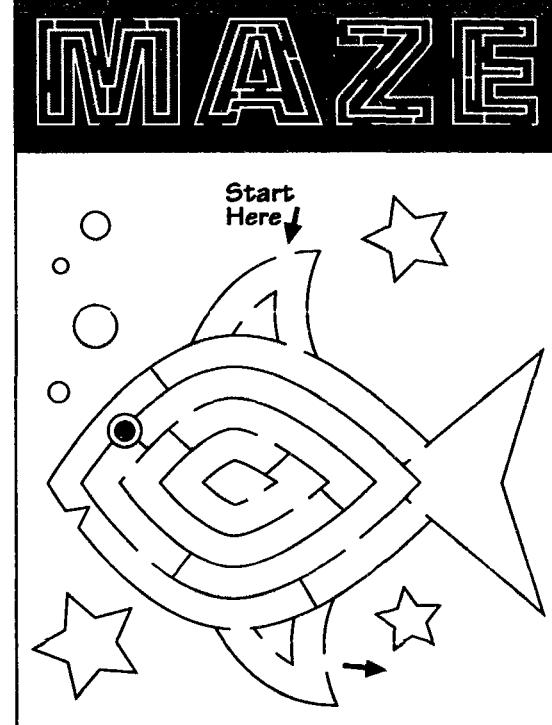
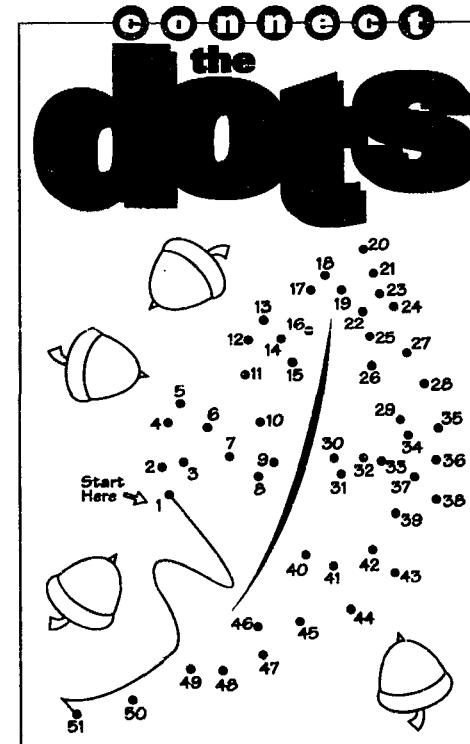
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54. Marshmallow roaster's need
55. One who revolts
56. Put in the mail

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1. Johnson and Jonson
2. Ohio lake
3. Boxwood, e.g.
4. Darn's kin
5. Showed a film again
6. Cheer for a torreador
7. Coin of the Orient
8. snail's pace (2 wds.)
9. Start of many French titles
11. Nero, e.g.
12. Brylcreem unit
16. Utmost degree
18. Suitable for beginners
20. Make do
21. Once again
22. Paint and wallpaper
23. Compass pt.
24. Encircle
25. Stare lasciviously
27. The American
29. Feature of a needle
31. Biddy
33. Emulate Jack Nicholson's hairstyle
36. Penn Teller
39. Emulate Jimmie Rodgers
42. Bonn article
44. Hugging equipment
45. Hamlet's phrase (2 wds.)
46. Regular
47. "Un-hip" one
48. TED's opponent
49. Diamonds Forever
50. Bandleader Calloway
51. Dazzle

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS


WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rainfall
9/28	58	47	47	0.66"
9/29	50	41	42	0.28"
9/30	61	41	42	
10/1	54	40	41	0.35"
10/2	47	26	27	
10/3	44	27	36	
10/4	53	31	40	0.01"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Wednesday - mostly sunny, unseasonably cool with a high in the low to mid 40's. Thursday - dry, low of 30 - 35 and a high in the low to mid 50's. Friday - chance of showers, low of 35 to 40 and high of 50 - 55. Saturday - chance of showers, low of 40-45 and a high in the low to mid 50's.

2. For Rent**2. For Rent**

FOR RENT Manistee Riverfront home. Two bedroom, one bath, one car garage, partial basement. Available Sept. 28, 1999. \$475 plus security deposit. Contact Craig Hinkle, (517) 348-7440 (9/23/99tf/2)

1. Real Estate

Debbie BONDAR
Century 21

RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
GRAYLING • HIGGINS LAKE

Home 348-1136

Office 348-5474



Just recently painted exterior, new large family room offering knotty pine interior; large dining room with French doors, 2 fireplaces and situated on 1.6 acres with 2 ponds. #4370 \$120,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!
#4409 Just Reduced \$225,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!

Exclusive custom built home on Fox Run Country Club 18 hole golf course of gorgeous rolling hills, valleys and hardwoods. Private 181' frontage on the 10th fairway. Home offers a stunning stone fireplace reaching to the peak of the large cathedral, tongue and groove ceiling. Open with an abundance of natural lighting, beams in living room, island in kitchen, plus a gas fireplace & spa in the master bedroom. Master bath suite offers ceramic tile, double showers and sinks and an enormous walk-in closet. Paved circle driveway with an "Awesome" curb appeal. Shown by appointment only. Golf course membership available. Motivated Seller!



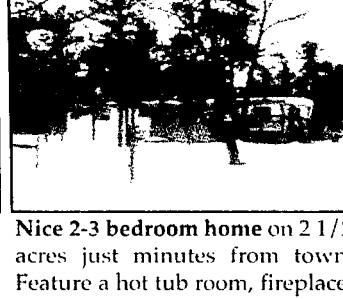
**River Country
Real Estate**

See all of our listings at:

www.century21grayling.com



Beautiful Brick Bi-Level home situated on 2.5 acres with state land on two sides. Featuring a large brick hearth with gas log burner that can be viewed from the open living room, kitchen & dining room areas. Family room also has a brick hearth with "warm morning". You won't get tired of the long winters in this home, with a step down into the bright & cheerful Florida Room with wood flooring and lots of windows and sky lights. 2 car heated garage, satellite dish and more! #4499 \$102,500 Ask for Connie Winans!



Well Maintained and income producing home. Situated close to town and schools. #4360 \$89,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Lovely brick & cedar-sided ranch home across from Fox Run Country Club. This home must be visited to appreciate. Features include circle drive, large open floor plan featuring see-through fireplace, 10' ceiling and mirrored wet bar. #4361 \$219,000 Ask for Randy Thompson!



Cute starter or retirement home. Immaculate and ready to move into. All the conveniences of the city of Grayling, on a nice corner lot. Home offers separate well for lawn watering, new sidewalks & driveway, heated & insulated garage and more. #4421 Reduced \$44,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!



Perfect location for your in-home business!! This 2 bedroom mobile home offers 200 ft. commercial frontage on growing M-72 West along with large 20x24 addition with basement and large drive-thru garage. Motivated Seller! PRICE REDUCED TO: \$48,000 #4376 Ask for Sherry Hanson!

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2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT located in city within walking distance of downtown. \$350 security deposit \$375 month, no pets. References required. For appointment call 517-348-7432 after 5 p.m. (-7-14/2)

FOR RENT Three bedroom two bath house in town, no smoking, pets, references required. \$550 per month. Call 517-348-2920. (-7-14/2)

LARGE TWO BEDROOM HOUSE Total electric, \$500 plus utilities. No pets, deposit and references. 517-348-2155 (-7-2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME in Grayling Mobile Estates. \$325 per month. Call (517) 348-9237. (-7-2)

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT in Grayling. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Individual locked storage space in basement with hookup for washer and dryer. Must see to appreciate. \$435 per month plus utilities. Year lease, first and last months rent to move in. References required. Call 517-348-7143. (-30-7-2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX near town. Heat, washer/dryer included. \$535 per month, first and last to move in. 517-348-6938 (10/7/99tf/2)

GRAYLING two bedroom 1 1/2 baths, three story apartment. Private deck, garage, storage, washer and dryer. No pets or smoking please. \$610 plus security deposit, year lease (517) 344-9070. (-23-30-7-2)

3. Employment

HELP WANTED Day Construction looking for two helpers, will train. 517-275-4856 after 7 p.m. (-7-14/3)

HARD WORKER NEEDED, good pay. (517) 344-9616 or cell (517) 350-0223. (9/9/99tf/3)

1. Real Estate

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REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

Crawford County Courthouse
Wednesday, October 20, 1999 at 10 am

Address: 6304 W. Old Lake Road • Grayling, MI 49738

Minimum Bid: \$20,831.00 • Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths

Redemption Period: six (6) months

Offer must be in form of certified check or money order the day of the sale.
Equal Housing Opportunity

For information contact Rural Development at:

USDA Rural Development

240 W. Wright St.

West Branch, MI 48661

(517) 345-5470 • Fax: (517) 345-4010

3. Employment**3. Employment**

MECHANIC ASSISTANT Good paying benefits. Prefer individual interested in becoming an auto repair technician. Call Grayling Auto Repair. 517-348-8123 (-30-7-3)

LOCALLY OWNED, family restaurant is seeking full-time cook and dishwasher. Blue Cross benefits available. Please apply at the Grayling Restaurant, 211 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. (-9-16/3)

PART-TIME MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST needed for Grayling office. Medical background is helpful but not necessary. Please send resume to: ATTN: Office Manager, P.O. Box 1665, Grayling, MI 49734. (-7-14/3)

NOW HIRING full-time excellent opportunity for self motivated individual. Position includes sales, collections and heavy lifting. High school diploma or equivalent, clean driving record. Serious inquiries only apply in person. 2404 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-0528 (-7-3)

TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY is looking for experienced Searchers and Abstractor. Excellent pay and benefits. Send resume to: Box C, P.O. Box 8, Roscommon, MI 48653 (-7-14/3)

NEW TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX unit with attached garage. \$575 a month plus heat and electric and \$575 security deposit. 15 W. Lewiston Grade Rd. Call 517-348-7031 for appointment. (-7-3)

PART-TIME HELP WANTED All around handy man. Call 517-348-8627. (-30-7-3)

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST/ Insurance Biller / Receptionist position now open. Four days a week. Must have some prior experience. send resume to: P.O. Box 545, Roscommon, MI 48653 by 10-19-99. (-7-14/3)

HARD WORKER NEEDED, good pay. (517) 344-9616 or cell (517) 350-0223. (9/9/99tf/3)

MUNSON HOME HEALTH has an opening for a Quality Review Nurse in the Gaylord Home Care office. Qualified candidates should be self-starting, organized, team players with three years comprehensive home care experience. Working knowledge of the HIM 11 is preferred and computer skills are desired. This 20 hour per week, benefited position, is an ideal opportunity to join northern Michigan's premier home care agency. For more information call: Dawn Webber, Manager, (800) 252-2064 or (517) 731-2393 or send resume to: Munson Home Care, 825 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735. Fax: (517) 731-2378 Munson Home Health, Gaylord Private Services, has immediate opening for an on-call service coordinator. Qualified candidates will be registered nurses with at least one year hospital or extended care experience. Home care or private services experience is a plus! Position will assist with staffing, home health aide training, establishing plans of care, and serve as a resource person for field staff. Must have reliable transportation. To apply call: 800-252-2065 or 517-731-2395 or send resume to: Munson Private Services, Gaylord, 825 North Center, Gaylord, MI 49735. (-7-3)

ROSCOMMON COUNTY 9-1-1 DISPATCHER Responsible individual to respond to emergency calls for assistance from the public with accurate dispatch of police, fire and emergency medical personnel. Requires a high school diploma or G.E.D., typing ability 30 wpm. Familiarity with computer systems desired. 1999 Base Salary \$18,907.20. Resumes may be mailed to Roscommon County Central Dispatch, P.O. Box 87, Roscommon, MI 48653 or stop at Central Dispatch, 111 S. Second St. in Roscommon and fill out an application. (-7-3)

WORK FROM HOME! \$500-\$1,500 part-time or fire your boss and earn \$2,000-\$6,000 full-time. 1-800-627-9282 www.naturalsolution.com (-7-14/3)

Grayling City Council is accepting applications for the position of City Manager until October 29, 1999. Resumes should be sent to Grayling City Hall, 103 S. James St., Grayling, MI 49738, C/O Mayor Ralph Stevens. Additional information may be obtained by calling the City office at 517-348-2131. 9/30/99tf/3

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OPPORTUNITY

MidMichigan Visiting Nurses, providers of home health services, is seeking applicants for casual / on-call status Occupational Therapist. Areas of coverage include Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties. Requires current Michigan license with 2+ year experience, preferably in Home Care.

Send resume with cover letter to: Human Resources, MidMichigan Visiting Nurses, 3007 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, MI 48640. EOE -7/3

**North Central
Community Mental Health**

Access Center Therapist: Seeking therapist to be first responder to non-registered clients. Will provide screening services; intake assessment; referral information; plus crisis triage services. Requires a Masters' Degree in Social Work or Clinical Psychology. Ideal candidate will have exceptional diagnostic skills and experience in managed care. Based in Houghton Lake.

DD Supports Coordinator: Will provide supports coordination and/or care management services to adults with developmental disabilities. Will identify service needs and develop, implement and coordinate individual service plan for each assigned client. Must be registered as a Social Work Technician, Registered or Certified Social Worker in the State of Michigan. Based in Grayling.

(2) Assertive Community Treatment Advocate: Will provide intensive mental health services directly and indirectly to persons with serious and persistent mental illness. Must be BSW and possess or qualify for Michigan Registration as a Social Work Technician. Openings in Cadillac and Grayling.

Competitive salary and excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and salary history to Human Resources, North Central Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601 by 5:00 p.m. 10/15/99. EOE

-7/3

3. Employment

HELP WANTED - AUTOMOTIVE
Small but growing business seeks full-time individual. Looking for a hard working, dedicated and dependable person. Fast learner, memory retention and good permanence a plus! Computer knowledge and auto repair helpful. Starting wage \$8.00 - \$9.00/hour. We offer wonderful benefits too! Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Send resume and salary requirements to P.O. Box 1055, Grayling, MI 49738, or fax resume to 517-348-9756. (-7/3)

NEED RUBBER STAMPS? Call or stop by the Crawford County Avalanche at 102 Michigan Ave., Grayling. (517) 348-6811

FRONT DESK CLERK

Applications are being taken at Grayling Super 8 for midnight Front Desk Clerk. Please apply in person and ask for Rhonda. Position requires some computer experience, basic math skills, cash handling and a friendly personality. 24-32 hrs. per week.

-7/14/3

EXPANDING MACHINE COMPANY

looking for experienced

machinists. CNC Lathe and Mill operators, conventional Mill and Lathe operators, and Boring Mill operators.

Competitive wages,

insurance, vacation pay, holiday

pay, bonus'. Send work history/experience sheet or resume to P.O. Box 381 Marion, MI 49665 or fax to: 231-743-6674. (-30-7/3)

WANTED LICENSED DAYCARE PERSON

preferably located in the City of Grayling. I will need someone full-time, starting the end of November, for a three year old and infant. Serious inquiries only. Mail a letter of interest and references to: CB Sitter, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (10/7/99tf/3)

FOOD SALES REP

Wholesaler needs your GROCERY INDUSTRY EXP. - we train you for Success! Letter or resume: SBC, POB 20551, Ferndale, MI 48220.

-7/14/3

AUTO TECHNICIAN Light duty auto technician. Requires state certification and tools. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, professional dealership working environment. Plenty of work available. Monday thru Friday. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan. (517) 348-5451 for interview appointment. (7/22/99tf/3)

HELP WANTED HINTS

When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

HELP WANTED Due to our expansion the Tri-County Trader newspaper has two sales positions available Houghton Lake, Roscommon areas. 517-826-3792 (-23-30-7/3)

4. Services Offered

LIKE IT OR NOT snow is coming. Don't be left in the cold shoveling your driveway. Call the insured professionals at Rainbow Landscaping for snow removal at 517-348-2508. (-7-14-21-28/4)

TRANSWORLD FLUID CHANGES \$14.95 and up, filters extra. Six month or 12,000 mile warranty. Life time warranty available 517-344-1305. (-7-14/4)

3. Employment**MANAGEMENT TRAINEES & CLERKS**

FLEXIBLE HOURS
FULL AND PART TIME
Top Wages with Bonus
Seniors Welcome
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of Gaylord
(behind Burger King)

CUSTOM BUSINESS SIGNS and lettering. Boats, trucks, snowmobiles, trailers. Call Pete Koceas (517) 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (8/12/99tf/4)

LICENSED CHILD CARE has one day time opening. Call 517-348-9128. (-7-14/4)

BAND INSTRUMENT REPAIRS Thirty years experience, prompt service. Fred Battershell. (517) 275-8382 (LR5/13/00/4)

GARY'S STUMP GRINDING

Cheaper by the dozen, free estimates. (231) 587-9296 or 1-800-870-3871. (LR11/24/99/4)

NORTHLAND BUILDING SERVICES

maintenance, renovating, repair, install almost anything at all. Commercial-residential Grayling and beyond, thirty years experience. 517-348-6674 (-30-7/4)

TREE TIME QUALITY Tree Service, free estimates. Fire wood also, \$30 cord. (517) 344-9616 or cell (517) 350-0223. (9/9/99tf/4)

EXPERIENCED RESPONSIBLE AND LOVING child care provider. Has one or two openings (infants welcome). 517-348-4213 References available. (-30-7-14-21/4)

THAD POOLEY'S PAINTING Licensed, insured, residential commercial, interior, exterior, staining, varnishing. Free estimates. Reasonable rates. (517) 348-4578 (2/25/99tf/4)

5. For Sale**FOR SALE**

Industrial metal working machines, lathes, mills, grinders, radial drills, sheet metal machines, saws, also

industrial wood working machinery of all types. J & R Machine Sales, 231-271-6380 (-7-14/5)

4. Services Offered**Odd-Job Enterprises**

Let us do your small home repairs

FREE ESTIMATES - CALL

ITC. Norm Schmock (Ref.)

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5. For Sale

TWO G.E. WASHERS in good condition. \$100 each. 517-348-6232 (-7/5)

SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS. take advantage of our early season discounted rates for season passes (until Oct. 31). Starting at \$145 for full-time students 18 or under. For adult and family rates please call Skyline Ski and Country Club. 517-275-5445 (-7/14/5)

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/5)

6. Wanted

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THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

WANTED OLD BEAR ARCHERY bows, equipment, pictures, etc. Especially looking for magazine racks and lamps put together by Al Moore. Please call Pete Koefes 517-348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (9/30/99tf/6)

WANTED Used kayak, single or double. 517-348-9314 day. 517-348-5708 evenings. (-30-7/6)

7. Miscellaneous

LOOKING FOR BO. a black and white and gray Shih-tzu. He has been missing since Aug. 16th. Has to have special food and IV's. He is very much loved and missed. If you have any information on the whereabouts of him or if you know what might have happened, please contact. There is a two hundred dollar reward, please call 517-348-1041. 517-348-6327. 517-348-4124. Thank you. (-7/7)

8. Announcements

SPEAKEASY SALOON Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing - Champion Sept. 29-Oct. 2, Sweet Talk Oct. 6-Oct. 9. (-30-7/8)

HARD BODYZ Health and Fitness. 30 day shape-up program. Single \$99. Couple \$129. 2323 Dupont St. in the Industrial Park way. 517-348-7199 (-23-30-7/8)

8. Announcements

ATTENTION: SPIKE'S GUESTS we have two new menu features: Our Friday Fish Fry now has extended hours and lower prices. serving from noon until 4 p.m., all you can eat is \$5.95, a single portion is \$3.50, if you can't make it early our regular fish fry serves from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., all you can eat is \$6.95, a single portion is \$3.75. Saturday's feature, from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., is a Prime Rib dinner for \$9.95. Spike's Keg O'Nails, 301 N. James Street, Grayling. Take out available 517-348-7113. (9/30/99tf/8)

HALF PRICE TAXI SERVICE offered to seniors and students by Milltown Taxi. October 1, 1999 thru May 1, 2000. Call 517-344-TAXI. (-30-7/8)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT is Steak Night at The Sawmill from 4-9 for \$4.99. (5/27/99tf/8)

8. Announcements

CHILI DINNER AND BINGO Oct. 8, 5 p.m. at Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale. Cost \$2.50 for 55 and over, that includes one Bingo card. \$3.50 for 54 and younger. (-7/10)

10. Garage Sales

ONE MORE TIME! Huge Garage Sale. 1866 Ole Dam Rd., Saturday, October 9, 11 a.m. til ? Lots of great stuff, still left from last weekend. Kids' and infants' clothes, toys, and furniture, miscellaneous household equipment, tools and lots of odds and ends. We've even cleaned out our storage shed! (-7/10)

MOVING SALE Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-1, furniture, household, clothing, '96 Arctic cat, '94 Polaris, car caddy, utility trailer and more. Take Eagle Point make left on Battalion, 9400 Battalion. (-7/10)

LARGE YARD SALE Saturday 9th, 501 Ionia, 9-2. Sofa and chair, table and chairs, microwave stand, kid's coats, clothes, books, much miscellaneous, free large freezer, car seat. (-7/10)

11. Automotive**10. Garage Sales**

MOVING SALE Fri.-Sat. 09-10 Oct. 9 a.m. - ? 104 Vilas. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, clothes, dishes, miscellaneous, 1984 Dodge, furniture. (-7/10)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 15th and 16th. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Household items, dishes, decorations, clothing, toys and some furniture. Lots of stuff. 305 State St., Grayling. (-7/10)

YORTYS' ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES Open Saturdays only 12-5. End-of-season sale to 80% off! Co. Rd. 200 next to 1st Bank, Higgins Lake. (Twenty minutes from Grayling). (-30-7-14-21/10)

11. Automotive

'89 TOYOTA GTS five-speed, new paint, battery, etc. Very dependable. 517-389-7116 (9/30/99tf/11)

1992 NISSAN 4 x 4 pickup. New tires, topper, tune-up, runs great, good condition. \$3,900. 517-348-5718 (9/9/99tf/11)

'98 F150 XLT FORD Clean, never in snow. 9,000 miles, with top. \$21,800 517-348-5255 (-7/11)

1989 MERCURY TRACER Five speed, runs great, excellent condition. \$1,500 Call 517-348-6163. (-30-7/11)

FOR SALE: 1988 Dodge Omni, runs good. \$550 517-348-9314 day, 517-348-5708 evenings. (-30-7/11)

'97 TOYOTA COROLLA DX White, excellent condition, 35 mpg, still under warranty. \$12,500 or best. 517-344-0091 (-7/11)

CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE? Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (517) 348-6811

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

1990 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE Four door, runs great, loaded. \$4,500 or best offer. 517-348-6232 (-7/11)

INTERESTED IN RE-ESTABLISHING YOUR CREDIT? Call Deb at Scheer Motors in Grayling. We have over 200 vehicles in stock. Bankruptcies and repos acceptable. 1-(800)968-8848 or (517) 348-5451. (-8-11/11)

Report The News!
Come see us at the Crawford County Avalanche!
102 Michigan Ave.
Grayling, MI 49738
or call us at:
(517) 348-6811

J. Dap Co. Gifts

118 Michigan Ave. • 517-348-4011

Drag your "Crazy Bones" into J.Dap Co. Thursday, October 21 from 3:30 - 5:00 to see one of the oldest games in history played. J.Dap Co. has all your favorite "Crazy Bones" and accessories. There will be Crazy Bone demonstrations, free giveaways and refreshments! Come join in all the fun and "Play The Craze".

11. Automotive

SCHEER MOTORS

Get Ready For Old Man Winter!



Trucks & 4x4

'98 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton Regular Cab 4x4 - Silverado package, low mile \$23,988	
'98 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Z-71 - 350 vortec, 3rd door, fiberglass topper \$22,988	
'98 Dodge 1/2 Ton Quad Cab 4x4 - 360 magnum, one owner trade, SLT and much more \$23,988	
'97 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton Extended Cab 4x4 - Silverado package, excellent condition \$22,988	
'97 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Extended Cab 4x4 - 350 vortec, Silverado and priced right \$19,988	
'97 Dodge Ram 1 Ton Dually 4x4 Extended Cab - Loaded with all the toys. Hurry! \$19,988	
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'91 Ford F-150 4x4 - V-8, nice old truck \$7,988	
'90 Ford F-250 4x4 - 351 V-8, old work horse \$5,988	

Sport Utilities

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CHILI DINNER AND BINGO Oct. 8, 5 p.m. at Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale. Cost \$2.50 for 55 and over, that includes one Bingo card. \$3.50 for 54 and younger. (-7/10)

10. Garage Sales

ONE MORE TIME! Huge Garage Sale. 1866 Ole Dam Rd., Saturday, October 9, 11 a.m. til ? Lots of great stuff, still left from last weekend. Kids' and infants' clothes, toys, and furniture. Lots of stuff. 305 State St., Grayling. (-7/10)

YORTYS' ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Open Saturdays only 12-5. End-of-season sale to 80% off! Co. Rd. 200 next to 1st Bank, Higgins Lake. (Twenty minutes from Grayling). (-30-7-14-21/10)

11. Automotive

'89 TOYOTA GTS five-speed, new paint, battery, etc. Very dependable. 517-389-7116 (9/30/99tf/11)

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